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To Be Used by the City Soliciting Committee

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Ten Per Ct. Feb'y. 1st; 25 Per Ct. Aug. 1st, 25 Per Ct. Nov. 1st, 1903 40 Per Ct Aug 1st 1904

The committee appointed to prepare a caption for the subscription blanks to be used in soliciting funds for securing the Presbyterian University, reports the following to be used by the city soliciting committee:

In consideration of the contemplated superior Educational Advantages and in consideration of the contemplated enhancement of the value of property in McKinney and Collin County and in consideration of other subscriptions hereunto appended, we, the undersigned citizens of McKinney, Texas, for the purpose of securing the location in or near the city of McKinney of the Texas Presbyterian University, agree to pay the amount set opposite our respective names in full when the Board of Directors or authorized Representatives of said University satisfy a Committee of our citizens appointed by us to represent us, towit: Jesse Shain, H. A. Finch, R. L. Waddill, L. A. Scott and J. P. Crouch, that the said University or its Representatives have secured in cash and securities an amount aggregating at least One Hundred Thousand ($100,000.00) Dollars for the permanent endowment of said University, but it is expressly understood that this subscription is dependent solely upon the location of said University at or near McKinney, Texas, and in case University is located elsewhere than at or near McKinney, then this obligation to be null and void.

It is expressly stipulated that said subscription shall be null and void unless the Committee to represent us, hereinabove named, shall agree with the Board of Directors of said University or its authorized Representatives upon the particular locality in or near the city of McKinney where said University shall be located. It is furthur stipulated and agreed that the Committee hereinabove named, towit: Jesse Shain, H. A. Finch, R. L. Waddill, L. A. Scott and J. P. Crouch are fully authorized to act for us in agreeing upon the site for said University.

It is further stipulated and agreed that when said University or its authorized Representatives have satisfied our said Committee that they have raised the amount of the endowment as herein stated and agree with said Committee, in consideration of the several subscriptions hereunto attached and offered by the Citizens of McKinney, to locate said University at or near McKinney that said agreement to locate said University at or near McKinney shall be conclusive proof of the acceptance by the said University of the subscriptions of the respective amounts by us and we agree and promise to pay to our said Committee as hereinabove stated at McKinney, Texas, the respective amounts set opposite our names, the following installments of our respective subscriptions and on the following dates: towit: That 10 per cent of the amount subscribed by each of us on February 1st. 1903, 25 per cent August 1st. 1903, 25 per cent November 1st. 1903 and 40 per cent August 1st. 1904. It is further stipulated and agreed that any vacancy caused from the death, resignation or any other cause whatever on the committee as herein above stated to represent us, may be filled by the remaining members of said committee by a majority vote.

It is further stipulated and agreed that after our said Committee has been satisfied that the endowment Fund above mentioned has been secured and the said University or its authorized Representatives have agreed to locate said College at McKinney, then our Committee as herein above stated are Trustees of said University for the purpose of collecting, paying over and disbursing the respective amounts herein subscribed.

All of the money here subscribed is to be used exclusively for the purchase of grounds for said University and for permanent improvements thereon, the said grounds to be deeded to our said Committee and by said Committee deeded to said University upon such terms and conditions as our said Committee may deem proper.

Upon any condition arising, not provided for in the above, our said Committee is fully authorized to act for us and we hereby ratify and confirm all acts done by our said Committee in the premises.

Witness our hands this 3rd day of Dec. A. D. 1903.

TO CHANGE CHURCH NAME

Synod Makes Episcopal Church Catholic Church of America

Springfield. Ill., Dec. 3.—After a spirited fight, conducted with the utmost good feeling, however, the synod of the diocese of Springfield this afternoon, following the suggestions of Bishop Seymour, voted in favor of recommending to the joint committee of the general synod appointed to receive the suggestions of the various dioceses that the name of the church be changed from Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America to that of the American Catholic Church in the United States.

Grand Chief Honored.

Thursday's Denison Herald contains a splendid account of a reception tendered Mrs. W. T. Beverly of this city, who is grand chief of the Rathbone Sisters of the state, by Lily Temple of that city.

The event took place Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. T. J. Clark, No 618 West Sears St. It was quite an elaborate affair. A splendid luncheon was served, and the place of honor at the head of the table was given to Mrs. Beverly.

The Herald's account of the entertainment closes with the following:

"Mrs. Beverly is a woman of winning personality. She possesses great tact, and everyone who met her last night became her warm and devoted friend. Mrs. Beverly possesses the necessary executive ability to fit her for her high position in the Rathbone Sisters. Her officialism is one side of her nature, while her fine womanly qualities, shown so distinctly at the reception last night, showed the social side of her nature.

The reception was one of the pleasantest social functions ever undertaken by the Rathbone Sisters.

A Distinguished Visitor.

Tom R. Anderson, of Waxahachie, bridge contractor and builder, representing the King Bridge Co., arrived in the city last Thursday to appear before the Commissioners' court to furnish bids on several bridges for the county.

Mr. Anderson is Past Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of the state of Texas. He was serving as Grand Master three years ago when the great Galveston storm came.

Everybody remembers his valiant service to humanity during that terrible time. He was the first to organize a relief corps and go to the rescue of the sufferers. He opened up headquarters at Houston and spent several weeks there distributing the funds of the order which were sent from every part of the United States. No man in Texas did more for the storm sufferers than Tom Anderson.

While here he was the guest of Hon. J. L. Gough the present Grand Master of the State.

SPEAKER REED IS DEAD

Conscious and Cheerful Until Last Moment Was at Hand

STRICKEN FIVE DAYS BEFORE

Bright's Disease and Other Complications Cause of His Sudden End

Washington, December 7—Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives and for many years prominent in public life, died here this morning at 12:20 o'clock in his apartments in the Arlington hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia. Mr. Reed has been confined to his bed since Tuesday last.

It was stated last night that Mr Reed has been suffering from Bright's disease for some time. This ailment reached the acute stage yesterday and furnished an additional cause for alarm. Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain.

A BIOGRAPHY.

Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed was one of the foremost Americans of his day. He has been conspicuous in the public eye for the last quarter of a century. While "Speaker" Reed, which is the title that distinguishes his name from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been held up to the censure of his adversaries as the author of rules enforced in his parliamentary career that limited the power and rights of the majority farther than is compatible with a democratic government, all have conceded to him a powerful intellectual endowment, as well as an official imbued with the highest instincts of American patriotism. His opposition to the republican policy of "aggression" strongly emphasized the latter characteristic.

In his services to the country as speaker of the house of representatives, the enforcement of Mr. Reed's rules led to the application of "Czar' Reed, and whether justly or unjustly operating upon the rights of the minority in debate, his defenders have upheld them as the only means of arriving at effectual legislation in a body that has grown to the dimensions of the present house of representatives. Mr. Reed was republican leader in the house from 1889 to 1899.

He was born at Portland, Me., October 18, 1839; graduated at Bowdoin college, Maine, in 1860; was acting-assistant paymaster in the United States navy 1864-65; was admitted to the bar in 1865, and commenced practice at Portland; was member of the Maine house of representatives 1868-69, and of State senate in 1870; attorney general of Maine 1870-72; city solicitor of Portland 1874-77 and representative from Maine in congress until his voluntary retirement about four years ago. He was elected speaker of the house of representatives December 2, 1889, and soon entered on a course that provoked bitter opposition and which practically resulted in revolutionizing the parliamentary procedure in the house In reaching this end he insisted on counting as present those members who in order to prevent a quorum refused to vote. His rulings were sustained and the principle was embodied in the new rules adopted February 14, 1890. On December 2, 1895, and March 15, 1897 he again became speaker

He served as speaker until March, 1899, when a lucrative legal engagement was offered him in New York. Since that time Mr. Reed has practiced his profession exclusively and eschewed political life. Mr. Reed has contributed materially to the literary world. He was the author of a book on parlimentary rules, as well as a valuable oratorical work entitled "Modern Eloquence." He has several times been prominently considered for the republican nomination for president, but was never a candidate for that high office.

Interurban Road Prospects.

Judge N. W. Finley, a leading attorney of Dallas, is in the city on business in connection with the Federal Court. He will return to the North Texas capital this evening. "Dallas, from all appearances," said he, "is moving along in a prosperous manner and the city is building up. There are no signs of hard times there. The late rains have been of immense benefit to that section of the State and as a result everyone is feeling much better and look forward to heavy crops next year. We are going to have a big interurban railroad system there and I think it will become very popular with the people. Stone and Webster, owners of the street railway system at Houston, El Paso and Dallas are contemplating building a line to McKinney and I believe we will have two or three lines in another year.—San Antonio Express Dec. 3.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED INVESTORS

Special Train From the North for Texas and Louisiana

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6.—A solid train, bearing 1,500 investment seekers and prospectors from the North, reached here tonight en route to Southwestern Louisiana and Texas. Hy Russell of Spring Valley, Wis., M. V. Sickley of Southern Michigan and Macon Merril of Alma Center, Wis., are in charge of the big party. Some left in a special over the Southern Pacific at midnight. The others waited over here until tomorrow.

Left for Bonham Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. John H. McLean left Saturday a. m. for Bonham where Dr. McLean will assume his duties as Presiding Elder of the Bonham District. The District parsonage is located there. Dr. McLean served the Methodist church here, as pastor, for two years and no preacher that has ever been here was more universally loved and respected, not only by his own congregation, but by the citizens of the entire city. There are none purer and nobler than he and his estimable wife. They have reared a large family, every member of which is an honor to their country. We commend these good people to the citizens of Bonham District.

Benevolent Order of Elks.

Our city is to have an Elk Lodge.

While in Dallas Thursday, Fred G. Burnitt delivered the charter list consisting of seventy-one names to Chas. A. Rasberry, district deputy, of that popular social, beneficent and protective order. In the course of a few weeks the charter is expected when the lodge will be instituted. At present Mr. Burnitt is a member of the Paris lodge and others here belong at Greenville, Sherman and different places.

This is said to be the largest charter list ever sent in for a lodge of Elks in Texas.

In Jaws of Icy Winter.

The snow which began falling here Wednesday continued nearly all night. It is estimated by many to be an inch fall. The mercury continued to drop all night. Next morning at 6 o'clock it registered 19 degrees above zero The snow melted fast before the beautiful sun shine Thursday.

The blizzard extended over the entire northern part of the state from east to west. The Temperature fell twenty degrees in a few hours at Brownwood Wednesday, also at Tyler.

A six hours snow is reported at Vernon.

Heavy rains fell at Mart and other points in Central Texas.

Mrs. W. T. Brooke and nieces Misses Clare and Cecil Abernathy who went to Royse City Sunday to attend the funeral of their niece and cousin Edna, daughter of H. E. Abernathy, returned home Thursday evening.

CUPID CONTINUES WORK

Prof. J. O. Johnson and Miss Helen Dowlen Married

AUSBORN-BOMAR NUPTIALS

Took Place Last Evening at 6:30 O'clock at Bride's Home on South Anthony Street

H. C. Ausborn and Miss Fannie Bomar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bomar who reside corner Anthony and Chestnut streets, were married Sunday at 6:30 o'clock, at the bride's home, Rev. R. E. Chandler officiating.

The ceremony was witnessed only by members of the family and the marriage was a surprise to many.

The groom is in the employ of the Grand Leader and is a young man of worth and highly esteemed by all.

The bride is a pretty young lady, popular among her associates for her charming manners and kind gentle disposition.

Prof. J. O. Johnson and Miss Helen Dowlen were married Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dowlen on North Tennessee street. Judge T. C. Andrews officiated.

The newly wedded pair left on the 1:03 train yesterday for Parker where the groom is teaching. Both have many friends who wish for them great happiness.

A Correction

For the benefit of my friends, I wish to say that a false report is being circulated to the effect that I am going to quit business and leave here. I am not going to do either, nor have I thought of so doing. Unless providentially hindered, I will be found at the same old stand, during 1903, ready to accommodate my friends with good pure groceries, fair weights and close prices, as in the past seven years. Thanking you for many past favors and soliciting your patronage in the future, I am yours, very respectfully,

d&w1t MATE BARNETT.

Case Dismissed

In Justice Cutler's court at Denison the case against George C. Davis, charged with attempting to assassinate Miss Harding, was dismissed. The proceedings in this matter have been very trying and humiliating to Mr. Davis, as a matter of course, although he was shown every consideration by the officers. Mr. Davis says he does not even know Miss Harding by sight, and was not in the city at the time the shooting occurred.—Sherman Courier.

New McKinney Pastor

Rev. W. A. Stuckey comes from Sulphur Springs to McKinney. He is a success wherever you put him. He can preach, debate, quote the Bible, visit the people and bring up good reports. He has his own way of doing things. and he does them well. Take him all in all and he is a mighty interesting man.—Christian Advocate.

Best Known

Rev. J. H. McLean D. D., having given two useful years to McKinney Station, comes back into the presiding eldership, and takes the Bonham District. He is the best known minister in Texas Methodism, and deservedly a leader among his brethren. He is no novice at district work and will push the battle to the gates.—Christian Advocate.

Miss Clara Martin, of Waverly Tennessee, is in the city for a two weeks' visit to her brother John M. Martin and family.

Fraternity Not Desired.

Some years ago there was considerable disturbance in Masonic circles over the Prince Hall incident.

One of the North Western states—Washington-affiliated with some negroes. Texas, Pennsylvania and a large number of other states at the annual convocation promptly severed Masonic intercourse with that state and forbade all master masons admit such into their lodges.

At the present session in Houston a communication was submitted from Washington asking what was necessary to be done to restore fraternal relations.

Texas answered; "Nothing, fraternal relations not desired."

His First Case

Judge K. K. Kerr held his first court Monday. The only case tried was too complicated for the jury, which failed to reach a verdict.—Claude News.

I. O. O. F. OFFICERS ELECTED.

Those Who Will Serve for the Next Term

At the meeting of Empire Lodge No. 68, I. O. O. F, Thursday, the following officers were elected for ensuing term:

E. L. Kerr, N. G; M. L. Phillips, V. G; J. Frank Smith, Secretary; S. H. Cole, Treasurer; R. N. Adams, representative to Grand Lodge, which meets in Dallas, first Monday in March; J. H. Sneed Alternate.

Absorbs Harmonie Club.

Harmonie Club is arranging to give an elaborate Christmas ball which will be the last social function of the many it has given during the three years of its existence.

After the first of the year Harmonie Club will give place to the new order of Elks which is being organized and will occupy their hall.

13 Year-Old Preacher

B. M. Jones, of Leesburg, age 13 years, who joined the Presbytery at Caddo Mills yesterday as a minister, was in the city today. We talked with the minister who has charge of the Leesburg work and he says he has filled the pulpit for him several times and his sermons are something wonderful.—Greenville Banner Dec 5th.

Rev. M. F, Wheeler, Baptist county missionary, returned Monday from Melissa, where he preached and held conference at the Baptist church Sunday. Quite a good collection was taken for the missionary cause and Rev. J. H. Truett, of Whitewright, a brother to our fellow townsman Attorney L J. Truett, was called to the pastorate of the church there, for half of his time.

Will R. Velvin's Estate

The appraisers filed a schedule of property to the estate of Will R. Velvin at Greenville Saturday. The list shows property all told of the value of $35,316.

The Board of Trustees of the McKinney Public schools have decided to dismiss the schools on Wednesday at noon, Christmas eve day, and resume on Monday week following, January 5th. This will give the children twelve days to enjoy Santa Claus visit.

Mrs. W. J. Worsham, of Oak Cliff, is in the city visiting her mother Mrs. Mattie Webb and sister Mrs. J. G. Fitzhugh.

Robert Knott, of Pilot Point, spent Sunday in the city with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Knott.

Mrs. F. O. Wilson sold 40 head of steer calves to Luck Pafford last week at $13 around. This was a good round price as also a good round lot of calves.—Claude News.

Attorney Eber Merrett went to Dallas on business today.

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England and Germany have severed diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

Success is crowning the efforts of the Presbyterian College soliciting committee.

The remains of ex-Speaker T. B. Reed were interred this afternoon at Portland, Me., his birthplace.

Prospects for getting the Presbyterian University look bright. McKinney will capture the location sure if every citizen does his duty.

The piece of flooring upon which President McKinley stood when he was shot in Buffalo is to go to the Field museum in Chicago.

Commissioner N. A. Burton returned last evening from a trip into the western part of the county, Weston, Celina, Roseland and Rhea Mills. He went out to inspect the bridges which were damaged and washed away during the recent overflows.

In a communication to the Examiner, President W. H. Clagett of the Presbyterian University says, "It looks now from the way your people have gone to work as very probable that the University will go to McKinney." He further adds that the town which gets it must out do all others in hustling.

WACO MAYORS' MUDDLE

Municipal Affairs Administered by Two City Chief Executives

Waco, Tex., Dec. 10.—Two Mayors continue administering municipal affairs here, successfully and without any clash of authority. City Treasurer Black pays out city money on checks given by Mayor Pro Tem Richards, while some dealers sell supplies to the city on Mayor Riggins' order.

It is likely that things will go on as described until the injunction proceedings in the Supreme Court of Texas shall have been finally decided.

The Law on Gathering Pecans

Here is the Texas law in regard to gathering pecans upon inclosed lands: "Any person who shall hereafter gather any pecan nuts upon the enclosed land not owned, leased or controlled by him, unless it be made to appear in defense that it was done by the consent of the owner, lessor or person in control, or any person in control, or any person who shall cut, destroy or injure any pecan timber upon land not his own, unless it was done with the consent of the owner thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than $5 and not more than $300- or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months; or both such fine and imprisonment."

One Fare Plus Two Dollars.

For the holidays via the "Katy."

If you are contemplating making a Christmas holiday visit, it will pay you to see what the "katy" has to offer.

On December 13th—17th—21st—22nd—23rd and 26th, the M. K. & T. Railway will sell round trip tickets to any point in the Old States and to Arkansas; Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin at one fare plus $2 for the round trip.

It is needless to say that for quick service and comfort the "Katy Way" cannot be equaled.

For full information regarding rates, and schedules, address a letter to "Katy" Dallas, Texas.

Not Guilty

The case of the State vs Walter Hartman, charged with violating local option, was tried by jury, and found not guilty.

COLLIN IN THE LEAD

Some Thoughts on Collin County in Rhyme

[By Prof. B. B. Edmiston for the Democrat]

I came to Collin county,
Not very long to stay
But then I got so "smitten"
I could not go away.

In more than eighty counties
In Texas, I have been
But Collin's lands are fertile
As any I have seen.

O'er old Missouri's mountains
I roamed, some years ago
And I have been all over
The state of Arkansas.

Through Indian Territory
And Kansas I was "blown"
But with them all, I'll tell you
Old Collin holds her own.

I've lived in sev'ral counties
And trav'led all around
But Collin is as fertile
As any I have found.

There's talent in the county,
As good as anywhere
And of the right improvements
We very often hear.

Her people and their money
Will meet her ev'ry need
And they are ever willing
To keep her in the lead,

She raises grain and cotton
And ev'ry thing to eat
And girls that I will warrant
The world can never beat.

There's other things I'd tell you
But that's against my rules
It's known that MY profession
Is teaching music schools.

East Collin News

Farmersville Times.

Monday J. W. Worden sold a fine farm of 74 1-2 acres of black land near Fayburg to Kelley Reynold's for $4000.00.

Rev. L. L. Naugle was here Tuesday. He was enroute to Rock Hill, his home. Thence he will move to Southmayde, west of Sherman, where he will locate the ensuing year.

The grocerymen of Farmersville met Wednesday night in the city hall and organized the retail grocer's association. M. A. Jackson was elect president and Walter Carver secretary. The association will meet Tuesday nights in the city hall.

Rev. G. W. Day returned from the annual M. E. conference at Terrell early in the week. He asked for supernumerary relation which was granted. Rev. Day has served Princeton church as pastor for three years. He is a devout, earnest, energetic preacher and he and his good wife have many friends there and over the entire work. He and family, with his brother, J. Q. Day and family, expected to leave for the Territory some two weeks since, but the bad weather has prevented it. Rev. Day and family were to leave Thursday for Ego, I. T., to make their home.

Farmersville Sentinel.

Mrs. Margaret Kimsey wife of the late Issac Kimsey, died at the home of her son near Kimsey's bridge last Saturday about 3 o'clock. The interment took place at the Odd Fellows cemetery Sunday afternoon amidst a large concourse of friends and relatives Mrs. Kimsey was born in Wilkes County North Carolina in January 1872 and was near 73 years old at the time of her death. Her husband Issac Kimsey died in 1891.

She leaves surviving her, five children, thirteen grand children and seven great grand children. Her children are:—Jim, Bob, Bill and Tom Kimsey and Mrs. Mattie Brawley.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Cocke of the Presbyterian church of which deceased had been a consistent member for more than fifty years.

Marriage License

R. L. Hooper and Miss Mary M. Strickland.

J. O. Johnson and Miss Helen Dowlen.

H. C. Ausborn and Miss Fannie Bomar.

H. E. Singleton the enterprising proprietor of Cedar Vale stock farm shipped by express three fine Poland China pigs to Frink Bros., Redland California. He also shipped a large bronze turkey gobbler weighing thirty-eight pounds, to Mrs. Geo. O. Graves, Buffalo Gap, for which he gets $10.

LOOK HERE!

Three More Weeks Until January 1st.

We must have money out of our remaining stock.

PRICE NO CONSIDERATION.

Everything in our store must be sold by January 1st. Since the sale commenced we know that many have been kept away on account of the extreme bad weather; still there are four more weeks which afford you the opportunity to attend the "Greatest Genuine Sale" ever offered to the trading people of McKinney and Collin County. - - - - - - - - - -

Come on Wagons Come on Trains
Come On Horseback Come On Foot

Come! Come! Come!

TO

BRAY BROS. Dry Goods Co.

AT THE COURT.

County Court is moving right along.

The case of D. C. Efird charged with violating local option law was continued.

Motion to quash the indictment against John Wilson charged with swindling was sustained, and the prisoner ordered discharged.

The trial in the case of Phillip Hawkins, charged with carrying pistol, resulted in his acquittal.

Clark Aiken plead guilty to gaming and was fined $10 and cost.

W. H. Day charged with assault plead guilty and was fined $10 and cost.

CIVIL ASSIGNMENT.

T. F. Mangum, L. C. Clifton and M. H. Garnett, the committee appointed to make the assignment for the civil docket, have completed their work. The docket will be taken up Monday, Dec. 15th., and continue until Dec 23rd. when court will adjourn until Monday January 5th.

Saturday is regular probate day in the court.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the regular session of the 28th legislature of the state of Texas, for the enactment of a law for the relief of the heirs of Col. Wm. Fitzhugh, and an appropriation to reimburse and pay to them money which the said Col. William Fitzhugh expended out of his private funds for the use and benefit of the state of Texas while in command of a company of State Rangers. Said money having been expended for the purchase of horses and mules and supplies for said state rangers and during the year 1860.

MRS. Mary J. FITZHUGH.

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Fire at Beaumont

The Southern Pacific freight depot at Beaumont, with its contents and the agent's office was destroyed by fire Monday morning. The loss is $40,000. It was the work of an incendiary. This is the third time within a year that the depot and its contents have been burned.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mrs. Neva Woods died Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock in Dallas, at St Paul's Sanitarium, where she was taken two weeks ago for medical treatment.

The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. Her mother Mrs. Mary E. Stiff, widow of the late Dave Stiff, died Nov. 20th.

Mrs. Woods was very sick at that time and was moved to Dallas soon afterward.

She was thirty-five years of age and was born and raised in McKinney where she has many friends.

Mrs. J. W. Persohn is her sister and the only surviving member of the family.

Her remains were shipped to McKinney for burial beside those of her parents.

Sabbath Desecration

Lucas, Dec. 8.—The writer had the pleasure of filling his regular appointment at Branch yesterday notwithstanding the muddy roads.

Had a Thanksgiving service in the afternoon which was participated in by several brethren and sisters. We received $6.50 for our County Colportage wagon, which was collected by Miss Ida Martin. We extend our hearty thanks both to the collector and donors, and we will expect our Missionary to assist us in a meeting there next Summer.

There are some noble people in that community to whom it is very offensive for the good citizens of the larger towns to come duck shooting on the Lord's day. If ye editors want to keep on the good side of the good people of Branch town you will do well to put in a word now and then about Sabbath desecraton and in reporting the next fellow that blows his hand off shooting duck on Sunday in that community. Don t leave the impression that it was done on Saturday. Now if ye knew what I know about the sentiment of those people ye would take heed to this.

W. T. NEWSOME.

Miss Louise Atkinson left last evening for Roswell N. M. where she will visit her uncle J. O. Hedgecoxe and family and other relatives.

Prepareing for Christmas.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church met Sunday afternoon and perfected arrangements for having a Christmas tree on Christmas eve. They arranged to specially remember the poor of the city on this tree, whether they be member of the school or not, and they desire the names of all the poor children, who are not attending any Sunday school,

The following committees were appointed:

ON PROGRAM.

Prof. Z. A. C. Harris, Mrs. L. J. Truett, Miss Mamie Dowell, Miss Sarah Webb.

By special resolution Miss Mamie Dowell will appear on program.

ON SECURING TREE

J. C. Williams, A. L. Gerrish, James Blackwell.

ON DECORATIONS.

Miss Sadie Dowell, Miss Allie Coleman, Miss Mazie Webb, Miss Annie Dowell, Miss Lou Atkinson, Miss Maud Foy, George Fullbright, Ortle Cross, Eustace King.

ON SECURING SANTACLAUS

Mate Barnett.

ON PURCHASING PRESENTS

Mrs. F. V. McKinney, Mrs. Mate Barnett.

All friends of the school are at liberty to place presents on the tree, and are cordially invited to come out and enjoy the evening with the children.

JNO. G. DAVIS,
Secty of the Committee.

Court House Marriage

G. W. Crowder and Miss Lillie Patton, both of the Culleoka community, were married in the County Clerk's office Tuesday morning at 10:30, Eld. John M McKinney officiating.

Opened up Headquarters

The soliciting committees for the Presbyterian University have opened up headquarters in one of the rooms over Price Stiff's grocery store.

Sam Sproles, of Dallas, is in the city today.

Few and Far Between.

A young woman of marriageable age on being asked what kind of a young man she liked best said: "I love a young man who loves his mother so fondly that for her sake he is chivalrous to all women. I love a young man who will step out of his way to avoid crushing a worm, and will not deem it beneath his dignity to succor a stray kitten. I love a man who believes there is a nobler life than being a good dancer or a successful society man. I love a man who is not ashamed of tears for others' sorrow, for a tender song, for a beautiful thought. I love a man who hates whiskey as the angels hate Satan and thinks too much of his brain to make smoked meat of it. I despise a "goody goody" young man, but love a good one. I would not like to be third cousin to a dude but I love a young man who is a hale-fellow-well-met with nice girls and scorns not the company of a sister."

J. D. Bonner, of Tyler, Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias, will be in McKinney Thursday night. A special meeting of Defiance Lodge will be held and a banquet given in his honor afterward. Wylie, Plano, Greenville, Richardson and Van Alstyne Lodges have been invited to attend. A great time is expected.

Wanted!

For the next 15 days we will pay the highest market price ever paid in Texas for Turkeys, Geese and Ducks delivered to the undersigned or his agent, Dallas Sparlin at McKinney, Texas. I also buy old iron and furs.

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DOCTORS IN CHINA.

They Feast Themselves Before They Physic Their Patients.

When a man in China becomes ill, his family sends for a doctor, and as no Chinese physician of established reputation will walk to a patient a carriage or a donkey must be sent to fetch him.

As soon as he reaches the house he is conducted into the best room and is entertained with tea, brandy and sweetmeats; or, if he has come a good distance, with a meal of several courses. No matter how ill his patient may be he will not approach him until he has thoroughly refreshed himself in this manner.

When at last he goes to his bedside, he first asks the patient if he is still able to eat, and he next examines his pulse. After the patient has bared his entire forearm the physician places his finger on the pulse and for several moments does not utter a word. Sometimes only one of his fingers and at other times all of them are employed at this work. When he breaks his silence, he describes minutely the disease from which the patient is suffering and writes a prescription.

Then the doctor takes his leave, promising to call again if necessary. He receives, as a rule, no fee for this service, but if he is a druggist he charges a large price for the medicine, or if he is not a druggist he receives a satisfactory commission from the one who prepares it. Moreover, the patient, if he recovers, generally gives him a handsome present.

If the Bible Perished?

If every complete copy of the Bible were destroyed, would it be possible of reproduction by ministers, theologians and others?

The probability is that it would, even if, as the question supposes, all the type kept up by the various printers of Bibles and Testaments and prayer books were also destroyed. In the first place, such a vast number of commentaries have been published in different languages on various portions of the Bible that it would almost be possible to reconstruct the Scriptures from them, and such deficiencies as existed would be supplied by ancient writings, mainly controversial works, which reproduce the text very fully. Sermons, homilies and kindred works would also be of great assistance, and such deficiencies as might still remain would certainly be supplied from the memories of the vast numbers of Biblical students who have studied the Scriptures in so many different languages.—London Answers.

Would Make Mummies.

No reason exists, says a foreign journal, why persons should not keep their beloved ones with them after death, since their bodies can very easily be mummified. The ancient Egyptians, it continues, were experts at this art, and a close study of some of their mummies shows how they did the work.

The body is placed in a boiler which contains chloride of calcium and which is heated to 125 degrees and after remaining there for a certain time is taken out and steeped for twenty-four hours in a cold solution of sulphate of sodium. By that time it is transformed into a perfect mummy, and the mourning relatives or friends can safely take it home and install it in a place of honor.

Women In New Zealand.

A man with daughters need not feel ashamed in New Zealand. He's a political power, a big man in the district in which he resides. All women over twenty-one years of age can vote, so the man with many daughters often decides a closely contested election. Then, again, women are much sought after matrimonially, for they are outnumbered by the men two to one. There is no need for a woman becoming an old maid. The women are good dressers, and the styles are as nearly up to date as those of London and New York.

Sea Talk.

Bobby—You have always shown a predilection for sea tales, haven't you? I know you always used to be reading them when we were in college.

Dicky—Yes; and I still like them as much as ever. By the way, on that sea voyage I took last year I was much astonished to find how unfamiliar the sailors were with sea language. They didn't talk a bit like the sailor the books tell about.—Boston Transcript.

Plenty of Thought.

"Auntie," said the judge to the battered lady of color, "did your husband strike you with malice aforethought?"

"'Deed he didn't, jedge," was the indignant reply. "He didn't hit me wid that mallet afore he thought. He'd been figgerin' on dat er long time, jedge; 'deed he had."—Baltimore News.

An Easy Problem.

The beggar had a notice up, "Deaf and Dumb," and the passing philanthropist stopped in front of him.

"I'd like to give this man something," he said to his companion, "but how am I to know that he is deaf and dumb?"

"Read the notice, sir," whispered the beggar cautiously.—Chuma.

Rubbing It In.

He—If you refuse me, I shall put a bullet thwough my bwain.

She—The idea! How could you?

He—I suppose you think I'm talking like a cwazy man?

She—Oh, no, like a sharpshooter.—Philadelphia Press.

Great After Dinner Speech.

Spunger—The best after dinner speech I ever heard was once when I was out with Goodley.

Winks—And who made the speech?

Spunger—Goodley. He said, "Let me have the check, please, waiter."—Philadelphia Record.

WORKING IN THE DARK.

Discomforts of Mining Before the Davy Lamp Was Lit.

The difficulties under which coal mining operations were carried on before the scientist Davy had invented his safety lamp must have been very great. In many times the only alternative the mediæval miner had to pitch darkness was the phosphorescent gleam from dried fish. The miner's implements, originally of stone or hard oak, gradually improved, but he was forced to work in almost complete darkness until Sir Humphry Davy by his remarkable invention enabled him to light his way through the tunnels he had excavated with comparative safety.

Agricola, an author who wrote about the middle of the sixteenth century, has left an elaborate treatise on coal mining as it was practiced during the middle ages. From this we learn that the horse gin, which survives to the present day in some of the mining districts of Great Britain and northern Europe, was the engine chiefly employed both for lifting the coal and for getting rid of the water. This latter object was also sometimes effected by means of pumps turned by windmills or by tunnels driven with great labor to an outlet at a lower level.

Tombs of the Ancient Prophets.

There exist in parts of Islam many tombs of the prophet Daniel. Of these one of the most celebrated is at Cairo. This fact need not astonish us. The Mussulmans admit without hesitation the duplication or even indefinite multiplication of the bodies of holy persons without their veneration for each of the remains being diminished in the least. It is worth noting that the nature of the honorary qualifications accorded to the same saint varies in different countries. Thus, for example, Daniel has at Cairo the name of Nebi-Daniel—that is, they give him the title of prophet, as being at the same time that which suits him best and is the most honorable they can confer. In Algeria or Morocco—feudal countries—the title they give to saints is sidi, which signifies lord, which is also the title there of military and political chiefs. In central Asia they give to those canonized persons whom they respect most, as to the prophet Daniel, the title of khodja, which means in Arabic writer or lettered.

Making Marble Out of Chalk.

In nature marble is made out of chalk by water which percolates through the chalky deposits, dissolves the chalk particle by parties and crystallizes it, mountain pressure solidifying it. It has been found that similar results may be accomplished by chemical means. First slices of chalk are dipped in a color bath, staining them with tints that will imitate any kind of marble known. For this purpose the same mineral stains are used as are employed in nature. For example, to produce counterfeit "verde antique" oxide of copper is utilized. In like manner green, pink, black and other colorings are obtained. Next the chalk slices go into another bath, by which they are hardened and crystallized, coming out to all intents and purposes real marble.

A Good Policy.

The Dry Goods Economist says of one store with which it is familiar: "Every employee in it seems to be good natured. Why should there be any difference in this respect between this establishment and the average store? Is not human nature about the same the world over? True, but there is a difference. The proprietor of this store is not only a merchant, but a gentleman. He treats his employees with marked courtesy and consideration. As a consequence they feel so kindly disposed toward him and his business that their good will is reflected in their treatment of his customers." Some storekeepers never find out why it is that so few of their casual customers become regulars.

Leigh Hunt's Breakfast Bouquets.

Leigh Hunt, that early day æsthete, declared breakfast to be the meal of all others when the poetic influence of a table posy was to be desired. He would bring in a few clover heads or sprigs of grass culled from beneath the protecting bars of a park railing or city square if he could find nothing more beautiful, and with these to look at his fancy took him roaming out into boundless green fields and pastures new.

Gave Him a Start.

"Now, then," said the auctioneer, holding up a pair of antique silver candlesticks, "give me a start."

"Twenty-five cents," came from a voice at the back of the room.

"What!" exclaimed the horrified auctioneer.

"Ah," said the bidder in an undertone and with a chuckle, "I thought that would give him a start!"

Signs of Prosperity.

"How do you get the reputation of being so much richer than you are?" asked the intimate friend. "Very easily. I wear my old clothes as long as possible and never admit that I have any money that I could lend. People take it for granted that I must be prosperous."—Washington Star.

How He Felt About It.

"I wish I could give up work and take a long rest."

"You'd do it if you could, would you?"

"Well, I'm not sure I'd do it if I could. It's one of those things you'd like to do when you can't."—Brooklyn Life.

It is agreed by medical authorities that the virulence of an epidemic may be increased by the element of fear in the public mind.

PAROLES NOT REVOKED.

General Grant Laid Down the Law to President Johnson.

Daniel R. Goodloe, for many years a distinguished resident of Washington and chairman of the commission to free the slaves of the District, once told this story:

"One morning soon after the surrender at Appomattox I was one of a group of gentlemen standing on Pennsylvania avenue, discussing the momentous questions of the day. As we talked General Grant rode toward us, smoking his usual cigar. Recognizing several of us, he dismounted and joined us.

"'What's the news?' he asked.

"I answered, 'We are discussing a piece of news which comes to us directly from the White House and which gives me no little concern.' 'What is it?' asked the general.

"'I understand that President Andrew Johnson intends to revoke the parole of General Lee and other generals of the late Southern Confederacy.'

"'Who was your informant?' asked General Grant.

"I gave him the name of the gentleman who had given the information.

"General Grant quietly said, 'Thank you, gentlemen,' remounted his horse and rode rapidly away toward the White House.

"We leisurely turned our steps in the same direction, and as we entered the portico we saw Grant coming down the steps looking more excited than I had ever seen him before. I went upstairs and met a friend who had been in conference that morning with Mr. Johnson on the subject above mentioned. He said to me: 'If you have any request to make of the president this morning, keep it until some other time. He is angrier than I have ever seen him. A moment ago General Grant strode into his presence and peremptorily demanded, "Do you intend to revoke the parole of General Robert E. Lee and other officers of the late Confederacy?"

"'"I am considering the subject," Johnson replied. "You need not consider it. Those paroles were signed by me as general commanding the army of the United States. My promise to them shall be kept in good faith if it takes the army of the United States, plus the army of the late Confederacy, to enforce it."

"'Saying this, Grant retired and left Johnson white with rage.'

"We never heard any more of the revocation of the paroles."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

OLD FASHIONED.

What has become of the old fashioned man who called a boil a "gathering?"

What has become of the old fashioned man who referred to coal as "stone coal?"

What has become of the old fashioned woman who bought wall paper and hung it herself?

What has become of the old fashioned boy who believed that eating gunpowder would make him fierce?

What has become of the old fashioned mustang pony that had to be broken every time it was hitched up?

What has become of the old fashioned person who said to a child that had fallen, "Come here, and I'll help you up?"

What has become of the old fashioned woman who used to say to her boy when he came in late, "I'll attend to your case after supper?"—Atchison Globe.

Carefulness of Surgeons.

It is an object lesson in godliness to see a surgeon washing his hands after performing an operation, says the Chicago Chronicle. He works of course with sleeves rolled up to the elbow, so that the washing extends from the crazy bone to the tip of the finger nail. First there is a hard scrubbing with plain soap and sterilized water. This is followed by a swabbing with tincture of green soap and sterilized water. Then comes a genuine scouring with equal parts of quicklime and soda in sterilized water and finally a rinsing in a solution (1 to 2,000) of bichloride of mercury. Without these four separate washings no surgeon would think of venturing out to scatter germs of disease.

Romance of a Marriage License.

There is a record of a marriage license issued to two parties, and written across the face of the entry in red ink is the note by the judge: "Returned unused. See page so and so." On turning to the page referred to there is another record and the same red ink note. In short, the record shows that a license was procured and returned unused four different times. The fifth time, however, was the charm, and they were married, he at the age of sixty-four and she at forty-eight years.—Ottawa Republican.

Photography.

She—I took this picture with my "kodak" while abroad.

He—What is it?

She—Well, that building that stands up perfectly straight is the leaning tower of Pisa; those leaning buildings are the perpendicular edifices in the vicinity.

Quite Natural.

"Isn't it strange that humorists are nearly always melancholy?"

"Oh, I don't know. You see, they sell all their good humor, and then they have to get along the best they can on what's left."—New York Herald.

The Other Man.

"Dar am two sides to a victory," said Uncle Shad. "Dar's de p'int ob view ob de victor and de p'int ob view ob de man dat gets licked. Mos' ebery victory means defeat for de udder chap."—San Francisco Bulletin.

A FEAST THAT FAILED.

The Story of a Raccoon That Was Not Served For Breakfast.

It is within the memory of many people that the custom of schoolteachers "boarding around" was the usual thing in country districts. Although a custom which teachers seldom liked, it is doubtful if many of them had as hard a time as a young schoolmaster who described his experience in the New England Galaxy for 1817. The article was written by Leonard Apthorp, then an undergraduate of Bowdoin college. The young schoolmaster was to receive $15 a month and his board.

From the first day I perceived that I was at board on speculation and at the mercy of a close calculation, he writes. One day the whole dinner consisted of a single dumpling, which they called a pudding, and five sausages, which in cooking shrunk to the size of pipestems. There were five of us at table.

A few days afterward, on my return from school, my eyes were delighted by the sight of an animal I had never seen before. It was a raccoon, which the young man, Jonathan, had killed and brought home in triumph. When skinned, he seemed to be one entire mass of fat and of a most delicate whiteness. I was overjoyed and went to bed early to dream of delicious steaks which the morrow would bring.

Long before daylight I heard the family stirring, and the alacrity of quick footsteps and the repeated opening and shutting of doors all gave assurance of the coming holiday.

I was soon ready for breakfast, and when seated at table I observed that the place of Jonathan was vacant.

"Where is Jonathan?" I asked.

"Gone to market," said they.

"Market! What market, pray? I did not know there was any market in these parts."

"Oh, yes," they said, "he is gone to ——, about thirty miles to the southward of us."

"And what has called him up so early to go to market?"

"He is gone," said they, "to sell his raccoon."

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

The fool's ear was made for the knave's tongue.—Ramaswami's "Indian Fables."

Bad habits are leeches that would suck a Hercules to effeminacy.—"A Speckled Bird."

Money buys things, and love wins things; power takes things.—"Fame For a Woman."

Duty is what we think about when ill or are reminded of by creditors.—Davidson's "Dumas."

When a man ceases to make love to his wife, some other man begins.—"Fables For the Elite."

People whose lives are anything but a joke are usually content with the smallest jests.—"The Vultures."

Mothers personify circumstances to children. We are symbols to them of baffling, cramping fate.—"The Rescue."

A woman is like unto a volcano, which, even when inactive, is palpitating to spit forth its fire and which, when it does vent its fury, bursts the bounds of its late enforced suppression.—"The Wooing of Wistaria."

Girls Help Waiters to Cheat.

Among hotel employees sex does not appear to make any difference so far as honesty is concerned, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Certain young women who act as checkers in hotels work with certain waiters. Whenever one of the girls obtains a position the men soon follow her, and the hotel proprietor is victimized accordingly. The waiter who is in league with the checker makes a small private mark on the check with which he desires to cheat. She sees it, and instead of stamping the prices against the articles ordered she puts her fingers over the figures on the die so that a slight blotch is all that is recorded in the place for figures. The waiter does the rest. She keeps her account against her confederates, and they settle up later on the outside.

Touch That Holds Memory.

Once upon a time there was a man who was a chronic borrower of money, and he was never known to slight an acquaintance through neglect. He was extremely well known by a large circle of acquaintances, which he was continually endeavoring to enlarge.

The members of this growing circle never forgot him, and even after his death he remained green in their memories.

Moral.—A man to insure being remembered must keep in touch with his friends.—New York Herald.

After the Sunshine.

"What became of that Sunshine club which Daisy started?"

"Oh, it's under a cloud. After the first annual election of officers it was impossible to get a quorum owing to the fact that no two members of the club were 'on speaking terms.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Unconventional.

"You spoke of Goober as being 'queer.' Is he mentally unbalanced?"

"Not exactly that. He's merely eccentric and peculiar. He gives in his property to the assessor at the same figure he has it insured for."—Chicago Tribune.

What He Realized.

Judge—You do not seem to realize the enormity of the charge against you.

Prisoner—No; I ain't got my lawyer's bill yet, but I'm expectin' the charge 'll be enormous, all right.—Philadelphia Record.

Don't worry if your associates push you to the wall. You will find the wall handy as a brace when you get ready to push back.—Vicksburg Herald.

THE TOP OF VESUVIUS.

A Visit to the Crater of the Seething Volcano.

There was no life on that bare, black, birdless cone, and as we climbed an icy wind began to blow, and the lava dust stung the face like hail. The crust was warm to the feet. I dipped my hand into an aperture the size of a rabbit hole and withdrew it hot and wet. On every side the smoke eddied up from tiny craters, but all these things were details in face of that everlasting vomit of black smoke from the crater.

The wind raged above us as we drew near the crater, and the lava dust spat more viciously; the sulphurous smoke hid the world from our view. It was as if the lieutenants of that angry monarch strove to prevent mortals from gazing too closely at her infernal orgies. On hands and knees we grabbed our way up the cone, coughing, blinded by the smoke, buffeted by the icy wind. We reached the verge of the crater and threw ourselves on our faces. I peered for one moment into that caldron of fire and smoke. The guide clutched my arm and motioned me to follow him round the edge of the crater. I crawled after him, crying, "Enough!" But he did not hear. He could not have heard a foghorn in the roar of that wind.

"Enough!" I bawled, trying to grab him. "E-nough!" I roared, clutching at his leg. He shrugged his shoulders, and, taking my arm, we plunged down through the lava. A few paces below he stopped. I bent toward him and through the screams of the wind heard him say, "Give me a leetle present to buy macaroni."—Academy.

Vitality of the Centiped.

The sight of a full grown centiped is said by travelers in tropical lands to be enough to affect the strongest nerves. Ten to eleven inches is the average length, although larger ones have been seen. Lafcadio Hearn in "Two Years In the French West Indies" says that the vitality of the centiped is amazing.

Mr. Hearn kept one in a bottle, without food or water, for thirteen weeks, at the end of which time it remained active and dangerous as ever. The centiped has one natural enemy able to cope with him—the hen.

The hen attacks him with delight and often swallows him, head first, without taking the trouble to kill him. The cat hunts him, but she is careful never to put her head near him. She has a trick of whirling him round and round upon the floor so quickly as to stupefy him; then, when she sees a good chance, she strikes him dead with her claws.

There are superstitions concerning the creature which have a good effect in diminishing his tribe. If you kill a centiped, you are sure to receive money soon, and even if you dream of killing one it is good luck.

An Unlucky Citizen.

"Yes, sir," said the town story teller, "he wuz the onluckiest feller that ever drawed the breath of life an' a week's wages."

"You don't say?"

"Fact. Climb a pine tree once when he seen the sheriff comin' to levy on him, harricane come along, blowed the tree down an' landed him in the only vacant seat in the sheriff's buggy; sheriff started to jail with him; met by lynchin' party, who mistook him fer 'nuther man, an' strung him up, an' he'd almost quit kickin' when some un cut him down an' hauled him home jest as his mother-in-law had finished writin' his obituary an' wuz standin' before the glass to see how well she looked in mournin'."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Dog.

Man is the best friend of the dog. Horses come next, but between the dog and all other farm animals, from the house cat to the cow and the beef steer, there seems to be a natural enmity. Dogs, however, are fond of sheep and goats—but as diet, not as living friends. Cows and sheep and goats should be kept as free from association with dogs as is possible, with the exception of the trained shepherd dog. A dog walking through a cow-pen will often cause a decrease in milk flow that amounts to more than the cash value of the dog. Many dogs are worth considerably less than $0.00.—Farm and Ranch.

Singular Marriage Custom.

When two Negritos, a people of the Philippine Islands, are united, the whole tribe is assembled, and the affianced pair climb two trees growing near to each other. The elders then bend the branches until the heads of the couple meet. When the heads have thus come into contact, the marriage is legally accomplished, and great rejoicings take place, a fantastic dance completing the ceremony.

The Honorable Members.

"I suppose the arrival of new congressmen from time to time has a tendency to give variety to life in the Capital City?

"Not a great deal," answered the man who is more or less cynical. "It merely means the introduction of new names into the same old anecdotes."—Washington Star.

In His Mind.

"Bragg says his grandfather lost his mind because of the loss of his fortune."

"He's just got the story twisted. He lost his fortune because of the loss of his mind. That's where he had his fortune."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Impossible.

Biggs—They say Mrs. Gabbleton is guilty of an attempt at blackmail.

Diggs—I don't believe it.

Biggs—Why not?

Diggs—No woman on earth would think of accepting "hush money."—Chicago News.

Holiday Rates

The Queen & Crescent Route is making extensive preparations to handle the very large business which annually moves from Texas to points in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky during the Christmas holidays in the best possible manner.

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The Board of Stewards of the Methodist church for the new conference year met last night and organized, with the re-election of W. T. Beverly as chairman, J. Frank Smith secretary and Joe B. Rogers treasurer. This is the sixth year that Mr. Beverly has served in that capacity. The pastor's salary was assessed at $1200 and other important business transacted.

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Jack Frost is always welcome at this season.

Texas welcomed the first snow storm with bowers of beautiful roses. Great is Texas.

The Senate committee reports favorably on the admission of Oklahoma to statehood.

Caleb Powers, convicted and sentenced for life for complicity in the Goebel murder, has been granted a new trial.

The First Presbyterian church, the oldest church in Denison, was destroyed by fire Friday. Loss $6000 with $4,800 insurance.

Work has commenced in earnest for the Texas Presbyterian University. Let every one help in the good work for McKinney.

A carload of S. M. S. calves, bred by Swenson Bros. of Stamford, Tex., won first prize at the Chicago International Livestock Show Thursday.

McKinney merchants, business men and capitalists are imbued with a public spiritedness in behalf of their city that does not seem to exist in all of our sister towns around.

President Thomasson of the State Epworth League and his cabinet have formally announced that the meeting for 1903 will be held in San Antonio, but the date is not given.

Representative Morris Shepherd has been appointed by the Speaker to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, the position held by his father. It is rare that a new member is given a place on this committee.

The Katy road has placed an order with the Baldwin locomotive works for fifty new engines to be supplied during the coming summer. The road has also ordered a number of new cars to be built.—Greenville Banner.

R. H. Floyd, a car inspector in the Houston and Texas Central yards, while engaged Friday morning in repairing an airbrake at Ennis was run over by a freight car and his right leg crushed into a pulp. The limb was amputated and he died in the afternoon.

"Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify," said James A. Garfield, "but nine times out of ten the best shing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim. In all my acquaintance I have never known a man to be drowned who was worth the saving."—Success.

Thomas M. Bosson agrees to build a street car line in the city and he has a line projected to various parts of the county. The council has fixed a precedent on the matter of long distance lines by binding McElroy to a contract. Now give the franchise for a car line to the man who will connect Gainesville with other towns.—Gainesville Messenger.

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula—as ugly as ever since time immemorial.

It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

"A bunch appeared on the left side of my neck. It caused great pain, was lanced, and became a running sore. I went into a general decline. I was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken six bottles my neck was healed, and I have never had any trouble of the kind since." MRS. K. T. SNYDER, Troy, Ohio.

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Its the wood man now.

Wm. R. Hearst may start a paper in Washington, D. C.

The early holiday shopper finds the full stock and most prompt service.

Muddy roads and cold weather are making many purses rather lean from buying wood that continues its skyward flight in price.

A large panther measuring 8 feet in length and weighing 175 pounds was killed Wednesday by J. H. Beach on his ranch near Van Horn.

Kind words cost nothing to the giver, but are prized by the receiver. Nothing else so sweetens life as the helpful commendation of friends.

The united charities is a good thing which business men should remember. In giving, as in all things, there should be system. Do your charity through organized effort, and after investigation.

Oliver F. Busby and Richard Colbert, United States census officials in the street railway department, say that the interurban line connecting Gainesville, McKinney, Decatur and a number of smaller towns is a certainty. It is to be financed by Thos. M. Bosson of Washington, D. C., so they assert.

Marcellus E. Foster has been elected president of the Austin Statesman Publishing Company. Foster is scarcely thirty years old. Only a few years ago he was a country correspondent of the Houston Post, which paper rapidly advanced him to its managing editorship. About a year ago he founded the Houston Chronicle. His career as a journalist is indeed a bright one with greater successes, no doubt, before him.

The impeachment trial of J. W. Riggins, Mayor of Waco, has at last been terminated with a verdict of guilty. Riggins formerly was a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, later was engaged in the livery businesss, and for a number of years had a furniture store. In 1900 he was elected mayor of the city. He has been press agent for the saloon men of the state in the local option elections, and on account of his conduct the council brought impeachment charges against him. One of the counts was that he refused to sign warrants for expenditures ordered by the council. When the effort to impeach was made, Riggins carried the matter to the higher courts, and the council won. Riggins was originally from Missouri.

WEDDING BELLS.

Arthur Melton and Miss Mamie Head were married at Lancaster Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. Hall of the First Baptist church officiating. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's mother. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton of this city and was raised here until he reached manhood. He has been living at Lancaster for a year and a half. The Courier joins his friends here in wishing him and his fair bride great joy, happiness and prosperity.

The Denison Herald of the 4th Inst. contains a long account of the marriage of Reade Markham to Miss Lelia Birch, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Birch of that city, which happy event took place Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. They left yesterday morning for New Orleans, where their honeymoon will be spent. They will return to Sherman about Jan'y 1st.

J. Murray McNeill and Miss Verna Yarbrough were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Tuesday at 1 p. m. at the home of the bride, the Rev. L. A. Burk officiating in his graceful and impressive manner. James Lathrop and Miss Lula Bounds acting as best man and best lady.

The bride is the daughter of Prof. Yarbrough, principal of the school here and one of the best known and ablest educators in this part of the state, and a young lady of rare beauty and exceptional accomplishments.

The groom is a young man of good parts and a thorough railroad man having been local agent for the Frisco here since the town started and prior to this, holding several positions of honor and trust with the Fort Worth and Denver road. He is a nephew of Senator Bailey.

The happy couple drove at once to the depot and took the train for Cordoba, Mexico, where they will spend the honey moon amid brilliant flowers and romantic scenery.—Celina Record.

W. H. Wooten and Miss Effie Johnson were united in marriage Dec. 2nd at the residence of Price Melton near Weston. A. W. Runnion officiated.

A TEXAS WONDER,

Hall's Great Discovery for Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

One small bottle of Hall's great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles removes gravel, cures diabites, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.00, One small bottle is two months' treatment, and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, St Douis, Mo.. formerly of Texas P. O. Box 629. Office 2931 Olive street. Sold by druggists and Smith Bros., & Co.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 24, 1901.

Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—Replying to your inquiry, will say your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, has cured me of kidney and bladder trouble, and I can cheerfully recommend it. Yours truly,

OTTO LIMBURGER,
Proprietor Fulton Market,
Residence, 601 Buena Vista street.

The Gabe Lucas stock of groceries which was bought by W. E. Ditto, has been moved to his store on the East side of the square.

Henry Foote and Miss Jesse Stiff have returned from a visit to relatives in Shawnee Oklahoma Territory.

I Coughed

"I had a most stubborn cough for many years. It deprived me of sleep and I grew very thin. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was quickly cured."
R. N. Mann, Fall Mills, Tenn.

Sixty years of cures and such testimony as the above have taught us what Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do.

We know it's the greatest cough remedy ever made. And you will say so, too, after you try it. There's cure in every drop.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., $1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of **Swamp-Root** is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Home of Swamp-Root.

BUFFALO ARE BARRED

Landing of Herd for Wild West Show Will Be Prevented

London, Dec. 5.—Mr. Hanbury, president of the Board of Agriculture, has decided that owing to the existence of the foot and mouth disease in some of the New England States he will be unable to permit the landing in England of a herd of buffalo belonging to the "Wild West Show" which opens in London Dec. 26.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Donation Acknowledged

The Charity Committee takes pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a donation of $10 from I. O. O. F. of McKinney. The committee will have urgent need for much more funds than they now have, and call on all generour hearted people to add to this fund. T. C. GOODNER, Ch'm.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by City Drug Store.

Fine Seed Corn

J. R. Ratekin, of Shenandoah Iowa, was in the city Friday and sold H. H. Crouch 1000 bushels of his choice hand selected seed corn, the 'Iowa Silver Mine,' "Imperial" and "Pride of Nishna." Mr. Crouch handled a car of this corn last year which proved to be the finest seed corn that was planted and made the largest yield.

Judge M. G. Abernathy received a telephone message Saturday from T. F. Mangum who was one of the prosecuting attorneys in the Gabe Hall case, which has been on trial in the District court at Sherman since Wednesday, stating that the jury had just returned a verdict finding Hall guilty and assessing his punishment at three years in the penetentiary. W. T. Beverly made the closing speech for the prosecution.

BOOKS

Teach your children to make friends of good books. They will need fewer of the fair weather kind and there is no friend when you have the blues like a jolly book. We keep an elaborate line of Children's Books. If you want something to give the young people, nothing can be more useful and appropriate.

Abbott's Book and Jewelry Store.

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Capital and Surplus, - - $125,000.

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T. J. Anderson, A. G. P. A.

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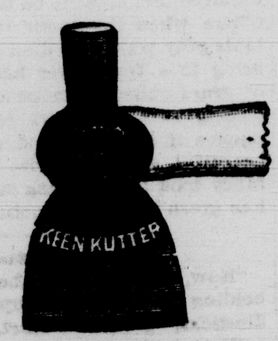

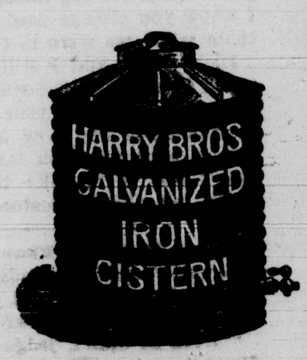

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Farming Implements, Carpenter tools. Pumbing a Specialty. Call and see us.

Good Goods, Small Profits.

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McKinney, Texas.

Christmas Games FREE

In each pound package of

Lion Coffee

from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.

Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game at Your Grocers.

Barber Trade Wanted.

Richardson & Lewis, tonsorial artists on the North side of the square, McKinney, cater to the country trade. Call and see them. They will treat you right. Shave 10c. Hair cuts and baths reasonable.

I have opened my shop the second door north of Joe McKinney. When your watch or clock need fixing bring or send it to me. All work guaranteed twelve months. I mean that if I can't make the work do what I say it will, that I will pay your money back.
1md tfinw. R. J. BENSON.

LOCAL NEWS.

E. A. Newsome made Plano a business trip Friday.

Window glass all sizes, cut to fit. SMITH BROS. & Co.

Leslie Powell has returned from Tioga Wells.

Stock foods and heave cure the best kinds at City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waters went to Dallas Friday morning.

Purses, bill books, pocket books etc. SMITH BROS. & Co.

Mrs. S. O. Scott went to Melissa Friday morning.

"White Billows" flour "rises" to explain its good qualities. d & w

H. E. Singleton is at Henderson organizing a farmers institute

Picture frames made while you wait at City Drug Store.

Fine fancy Holiday China at half price at J. T. Nale's.

Window glass, get all sizes, them now at City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Weisman, of Pittsburg are here visiting friends

"White Billows" flour guaranteed to excel all others. d & w

Better window glass now, all sizes at City Drug Store.

Mrs. T. F. Mangum and Misses Maggie Shain and Lucy Largent went up to Sherman Friday.

Don't wait for cold weather but buy your window glass today of Smith Bros. & Co.

Will Benge who has been sick for a week is able to be up at home.

Prescriptions filled by registered Pharmacists with pure fresh drugs at City Drug Store.

Prof. J. H. Hill, County Supt., left for Josephine Friday on business connected with his office.

Money bags, pocket books and purses all kinds at City Drug Store.

Mr. Black, proprietor of the Last Chance, is the happy father of a new girl at his home.

J. Perry Burrus who has been absent in Shreveport for several days returned home Thursdsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bomar, who have been on a visit to Muskogee I. T.. have returned home,

Miss Katherine Thomas is visiting her sister Mrs. G. R. Wear in Sherman.

Miss Lizzie Gullett. who teaches at Allen, is in the city visiting friends.

Miss Mary Kinney left Saturday morning for a visit to relatives in Greenville.

W. M. Erwin, one of the Examiner editors, made Dallas a business trip last Thursday.

District Clerk W. T. Cox returned from Sherman Thursday, where he had been attending the Gabe Hall trial.

Mrs. E C. Sherer, of Coalgate I. T. who has been in the city visiting her mother Mrs. Mattie Webb, returned home Friday morning.

DISEASED KIDNEYS

Cause more deaths than bullets. Their symptoms are not alarming, hence they are neglected and quickly become dangerous.

Prickly Ash Bitters

Is a kidney medicine of great value; it strengthens the kidneys, allays inflammation, eases backache and arrests the progress of the disease. It is an honest remedy that can be depended on.

AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

PRICE, $1.00.

IF YOU HAVE PAIN IN YOUR BACK

Do Not be Deceived. You Have Kidney Trouble, and You Do Not Need a Physician to Tell You So.

Pain in the back is an almost infallible sign of kidney disease; a surer sign is the condition of your urine. If you have a pain in the back, then look to the condition of your urine. It is easily done. Take a glass or tumbler and fill it with urine, after it has stood 24 hours; if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, if it is pale or discolored, stringy or ropy, your kidneys and bladder are in a dangerous condition and need immediate attention, or the consequences may prove fatal. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the one medicine that really cures all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood, rheumatism, dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and it will take you but a short trial to convince yourself of its wonderful curative power.

G. F. Sammer of No. 429 Plaza street, Syracuse, N. Y., in a recent letter says:

"I was afflicted for years with severe pains in my back and kidneys. I tried many doctors and many medicines, but got no relief. I bought a bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and it has entirely cured me."

It is for sale by all druggists in the New 50 Cent Size and the regular $1.00 size bottles—less than a cent a dose.

Sample bottle—enough for trial, free by mail.

Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y.

Dr. David Kennedy's Cherry Balsam best for Colds, Coughs, Consumption. 25c, 50c, $1.00.

Marriage License

L. R. Wood and Miss Myrtle Conley.

W. M. Benton and Miss Lora Willis.

Perry Capps and Miss Mollie A. Kuhn.

J. A. Mason, of Sulphur Springs, is in the city today attending court.

Pure old whiskey, brandy and wines sold on prescription only at City Drug Store.

H. K. Matthews made Durant, Indian Territory a business trip Friday.

You can save money on Wall Paper and Paints now at City Drug Store.

You can get anything you need in your house for less money than anywhere else at J. T. Nale's. 2t

Heave cure and stock powders all the good kinds sold at City Drug Store.

J. F. Barnes, of Vineland who has just returned from a trip to New Mexico, was in McKinney Saturday.

Window glass the right size at the right price.
SMITH BROS. & Co

Chester Warden left Friday for Shreveport La., to accept a position with the American Express company at that place.

"White Billows" flour, a sure cure for sad bread as well as sad faces. d & w

Mrs. Will Tichnor and little son went to Allen this morning on a visit.

Walter D. Howell, of Denison, spent Sunday in the city with home folks.

Mrs. Will Wallace, of Altoga, was in the city this morning en route to Wylie for a visit.

Over stocked on wall papers. It must go. Bargains for everybody at City Drug Store.

B. E. Owens, of near Ardath, was in the city this morning en route to Whitewright.

"White Billows" flour is made from selected wheat. Money refunded if not satisfactory. d & w

W. M. Lewis, of Waco, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, who has been in the city a few days left Thursday for his home.

Mrs. G. O. Breeding has returned to her home in Gainesville after a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Dohoney at the New Century hotel.

Miss Annie Gough. who is attending school in Sherman, came down to McKinney spend Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Miss Mattie Brock, who makes her home with Mrs. W. E. Ditto, happened to a painful accident Thursday by falling and dislocating her knee cap.

W. A. Straughan and family have moved from their home near Ardath to the Andrews property east of the H. & T. C. railroad.

AT THE COURT.

A petition largely signed by the citizens of the Wylie community was today presented to the commissioners' court, asking that the court have the Santa Fe and Cotton Belt railroads to remove a dam which was built at their crossing and is causing East Fork Creek to overflow about three thousand acres of territory in that vicinity.

The application was granted and the court will serve notice on the railroad companies to remove the dam at once.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Friday afternoon the court took up Yancy Powell's final report as tax collector.

A damage suit has been filed in county court by John A. Taylor against the H. & T. C. railroad, alleging that his premises in the southern part of town situated near the right of way of said road have been damaged by water that could not escape owing to the fact that the road did not have necessary culverts for drainage. He also alleges that sickness has been caused in his family by the water which becomes stagnated, and prays for damages to the amount of $995.

The Commissioners' court Saturday renewed the contract for the electric lights for the court house and ordered two new lights put in.

The final report of Yancy Powell as tax collector was approved.

An order was made for a new desk and two new chairs for the County Clerk's office.

The December term of County Court convened Monday with Judge F. E. Wilcox on the bench, County Attorney R. C. Merritt and Sheriff Tom Beverly filling their respective offices, and the court moved off with as much ease as if the new officers had been serving always.

That efficient, accomodating deputy county clerk, W. B. Walden, is serving at the clerk's desk.

The State docket which is heavy was called and the assignment made.

The bond of Roger Lockhart charged with gaming, was forfeited, on account of his non appearance at court. Several of the bonds were forfeited, and several cases continued.

The jury for the week is as follows: W. T. Hooten, A. L. Gerrish, G. W. Ellis, A. O. Cantrell, E. G. Horn, Steve Hobbins, W. H. Garland, B. H. Estep, W M, Perry, W. S. Stinebough, G. Massey.

The case of the State vs Henry Phillips, charged with carrying pistol, is now on trial

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by City Drug Store.

W. R. Abernathy returned from Houston Saturday, where he had been attending the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity. He was a member of the committee on credentials.

Misses Cora and Bertha Edge, of Virginia, were in the city Saturday enroute to Melissa to visit their uncle S. H. Edge who resides near there. Mr. Edge met them here.

Mrs. J. P. Crouch returned Thursday from Little Rock, Ark., where she has been to visit her son Joe Crouch who formerly lived here.

White mustard, celery seed, turmeric, etc. Don't forget when you make "Chow chow."
SMITH BROS. & Co.

Take life easy by trading with C. A. Houston. He'll treat you right. Fresh groceries and low prices.

Pure blood is the key of health, try our Compound Sarsaparilla for the blood, every bottle guaranteed at City Drug Store.

People are becoming more and more accustomed to going to C A. Houston's for groceries that are fresh and cheap.

Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair. Highest tests U.S. Gov't Chemists

December Teachers' Institute

Program Collin county teachers' institute to be held Saturday Dec. 20th:

1. Shall We Have Friday Afternoon Exercises?—Mrs. A. A. Borum and Mike Watson.

2 Psychology.—F. G. Jones and Ortie Cross,

3. Resolved That Texas Should Have a System of Compulsory Education. Affirmative—M. C. Cunningham, W. L. Yarbrough. Negative—W. J. Lackey, J. E. Smith.

4. The Needs of the Public Schools.—C. E. Farmer and W. W. Shepherd.

5. What Amendments Would We Suggest to the Present Textbook Law?—W. L. Roper, W. H Echols.

We, the committee, suggest the Institute to take up Psychology as a course of study.

Better Than a Plaster

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by City Drug Store.

J. M. Weems, a prominent Sherman citizen and ex-Grayson county commissioner, has become a Collin citizen. He has opened up a hardware business at Celina under the firm name of J. M. Weems & Son. Mr. Weems is the father-in-law of Prof. T. W. Lanham, principal of McKinney Public Schools.

You can't do better than to give your grocery trade to Cebe Houston. His stock represents goodness-from the staples which are needed by every family and which are sold at low prices to the fine things which cost according to quality.

Mrs. Annie Board, of Gosnell, I. T., arrived in the city Thursday for a visit to her father S. J. B. Plemmons.

Women Need

a constant supply of blood-making material or their systems break down under the constant drain. The very moment there is lack of blood, or when the blood is impoverished, the signal appears upon the face in sallowness or pallor.

The remedy needed is Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. Nothing else meets this particular condition so well. Use of it has made hundreds of thousands of women look younger and made them feel even younger than they looked. It not only restores strength, energy and beauty, but it is a prompt and certain cure for all ailments peculiar to the sex. It cures because it removes the first cause. It supplies just what nature needs to bring health.

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic

strengthens debilitated organs, gives tone and elasticity to muscles and ligaments, rounds out wasted tissues and renews the vigor of the nervous system. It helps quickly and just as surely and permanently.

Loss of appetite, of ambition, nervousness, pains in the head, back, kidneys, limbs, muscles, etc., are all cured by Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

The following is one of thousands of similar endorsements that we have received:

Houston, Texas, Dec. 4, 1901.

"My father has used your medicine since the War, and when I married in December, 1872, I commenced housekeeping with one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, one bottle of his Wild Cherry Bitters, and two boxes of his Little Liver Pills. I am now nearly sixty-two years of age. Looking backward I feel attached to the old medicines and would not change them for any of the new ones made."

Mrs. J. A. Pickett.

($5,000 guarantee that above testimonial is genuine.)

DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC

Every bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has our "Crescent" trade-mark on the label. Don't accept a substitute—insist on Dr. Harter's.

Made only by THE DR. HARTER MEDICINE COMPANY DAYTON, OHIO

Makers also of Dr. Harter's Wild Cherry Bitters, and other well known Dr. Harter Medicines.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

MINISTER TO JAPAN DEAD

Expired Suddenly While at the Imperial Duck Shoot at Tokio

Yokohama, Dec. 5.—United States Minister Buck died yesterday morning while at the Imperial duck shoot. The cause of his death is supposed to have been apoplexy. Another report says Mr. Buck's death was due to heart failure. The hunt occurred in the suburbs of Tokio.

The Cemetery Association held Thursday and Friday netted the ladies $130. The centre piece offered for the nearest to a correct guess of the number of beans in a bottle was won by Mrs. J. H. Forbes; the doll was won by Dr. S. H. Abbott, he guessing in one of the correct number, 1356.

The Best Prescription For Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form—no cure no pay. Price 50c.

Mrs. Collie Bear left Saturday for Commerce, in answer to a telephone message received Friday evening stating that her sister, Miss Winnie Obenchain, was very low with typhoid fever. Mr. Bear accompanied her as far as Denison, and returned on the 1:03 train.

Alfalfa Seed

For first-class Alfalfa seed don't neglect to call on T. L. McMullen near the postoffice.

J. L. Wilson, of Sherman, well known here, a brother of Mrs. J. S. Heard and Mrs. J. C. Erwin, has bought out the interest of J. O. Jones in the Sherman Weekly Register and thereby becomes sole proprietor.

Stops That Cough and Works Off Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. Cure a cold in one day No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents

Mrs. L. J. Truett has returned home after an extended visit to her mother, who lives near Mt. Vernon. She was accompanied by her cousin Miss Annie Mims of Lavada.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Andrew Gullett, formerly of this city but now with the Trinity Cotton Oil Co. of Dallas as bookkeeper, came up to McKinney Friday and returned this afternoon.

Wanted—By Hill & Webb 15.000 to 20,000 No. 1 bois d' arc posts. Will pay highest market price.

Mrs. B. W. Jackson, of Denison, arrived in the city this morning for a visit to her sister Mrs. R. J. Reynolds near here.

Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of **The Semi-weekly News** to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department

has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer

If you are not taking **The Democrat** you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For $1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you **The Democrat and The Galveston or Dallas Semi-Weekly News** for 12 months. The news stops when your time is out.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. Is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it. First dose relieves. A quiet unnecessary.

Cures all stomach troubles

Prepared only by E. C. DeWITT & Co., Chicago The $1. bottle contains 2½ times the 50c. size

Sold by City Drug Store.

Its That Muddy

F. M. Douglas had unlimited trouble in getting some cotton from Weston to Van Alstyne. His men started with three 4-horse wagons, having four bales to the wagon. But before they had gone far they had all the teams but one to one wagon, and would have put on the other one if they had had enough chain to do so. With the ten horses to the wagon it took three days to make the trip, twelve miles.—Van Alstyne Leader.

Misses Catherine and Margaret Crawford and Miss Madie Watkin of Dallas who have been members of Miss Velma Scott's house party, returned home last Thursday afternoon.

Professional Cards.

H. L. PEARSON
Dental Surgeon.

OFFICE AND HOME: North side square up-stairs over Bray Bros. Phone 26. If wanted at night ring office door bell.

McKINNEY, TEXAS.

W. T. HOARD,
Dentist.

Office—over McKinney Drug Co.
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McKINNEY, TEXAS.

J. C. N. SMITH,
Dentist.

OFFICE—Northeast corner of the Square,

McKINNEY, TEXAS.

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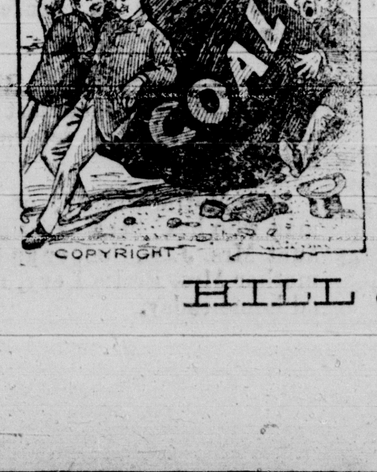

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LOCAL NEWS.

Erfurt Province made Dallas a business trip Tues lay.

W. W. Angus of Gainesville was in the city on business Tuesday.

"If it comes from "Goodin" it's good indeed." tf

H. W. Faulkner, of Paris. is in the city on business today.

The best solid silver and silver plate at Goodin's. tf

J. L. Hunter is here from Sulphur Springs visiting his son Burton L. Hunter and family.

Sam Hall has returned from Nebraska where he has been employed for the past six months.

Mrs. Sam McKinney returned to her home in Farmersville after a visit to relatives here.

Miss Annie Richards left this morning for a visit to her brother Gus Richards near Greenville.

The Kate of Kiss and Wanted a Chaperce by author of Hon. Peter Sterling at Abbott's.

Miss Bettie Thomas left Tuesday for a visit to relatives in Gainesville.

W. C. Odum and Sam McKinney, of Farmersville, were in the city Tuesday enroute to Dallas.

Mrs. J. S. Heard has returned from a visit to her brother Editor J. L. Wilson in Sherman.

Rev. W. H. Richardson has just returned from Cameron where he held a good meeeting.

Woodson Wilder, of this city, has received a pension increase of $10 per month.

Avner E. Buck has returned to Dallas where he is training his horses.

Mrs. C. C. Christie, of Allen, was in the city today visiting her son F. F. Christie.

Miss Grace Mohair, of Van Alstyne, is in the city the guest of Miss Irene Morton.

G. W. Ellis gave us a pleasant visit today. He reports Fayburg mud-bound.

W. E. Falkenberg, assistant postmaster at Blue Ridge, was in McKinney Tuesday and paid this office a pleasant visit.

On January 1st J. T. Nale will move his stock of furniture and hardware to the building now occupied by Stephens & Herndon.

Mrs. James Church, of Farmersville, is in the city visiting her husband's brother, John Church and family.

We are glad to state that A. J. Atkinson who has been sick for a few days with grip is able to be up today.

Mrs. M. J. Elliott, of Sterritt I. T., remits for our weekly with instructions to continue its visits for another year.

Miss Pauline Franklin left last evening for Texico to visit her uncle Wm. L. Franklin who is postmaster and station agent at that place.

Lem Stewart and family of Vineland have moved to McKinney and are occupying Mrs. Sallie Howell's residence on College Hill. We welcome them into our midst

E. E. Mays of Foncine was in Tuesday. He is philosophizing on the continued rainy weather, by being buoyed up with the expectation of an abundant harvest next year.

W. D. Mountcastle who served for two years as pastor of the Plano Methodist church, was in city Tuesday en route to Farmersville where he was appointed at the recent session of the North Texas annual conference.

Don't forget to use a little Prickley Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels.

Rev. Mark Dunn, who is taking a special course of study at Baylor University, came up last evening to spend a few days and to fill his appointment Sunday at Mt Olive Baptist church of which he is pastor.

LETTER FROM SOLDIER BOY

Homer Harris Writes From Fisher Island, N. Y

GIVES INTERESTING ITEMS

The Island is Covered With Snow Sea is Rough And Few Boats Come Into Port

Mrs. J. Norvelle is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Homer Harris, who is in Company 12, Coast Artillery U. S. Army, written from Fort H. G. Wright, Fisher's Island, N. Y.

The letter in which he asks to be remembered to his Texas friends is full of interest, so we publish it:

Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.
Dec. 4th, 1902.

Dear Sister:—Your letter of the 1st reached me this afternoon. Am glad mother and all are well at home. I am in good health and getting along all O. K.

Fisher's Island is deeply covered in snow now and certainly looks pretty. I was on guard last night and you bet its cold.

The Sea is raging and very few boats come here now. Our mail comes regularly and the "Democrat" is lots of news to me.

The foot ball season is over now and all we can do is drill on the inside and lay on our bunks. We soldiers don't have to worry about where we'll get our next meal or anything else. Tell Gerard the army doctors have a "cinch."

With love and best wishes to all my McKinney friends.

Your Brother,
HOMER D. HARRIS,
Co. 12 Coast Art'y.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures dyspepsia, indigestion, stomach troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol rebuilds wornout tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov G W Atkinson, of W Va., says: I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and, indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends.—City Drug Store.

A Talented Designer.

The suggestive cut displayed on second page today was designed especially for this paper by Erfurt Province to show the advantages and enterprises that would follow in the wake of the Presbyterian University.

Mr. Province is unusually gifted in this line and is wisely cultivating his talents, and we predict that the time is not far distant when his ability will be recognized and rewarded in a financial way, having already received encouragement from institutions which employ only first-class artists.

The idea originated with him and shows that the young as well as the more mature are interested in securing this educational institution for McKinney.

Pecans Wanted

Hill & Webb will pay the highest market price for your pecans and give you the cash. tf

"If it comes from "Goodin" it's good indeed." tf

J. D. Armstrong, of the McKinney Drug Company, is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Quality considered, we can sell goods as cheap as any dealer in town. D. Goodin. tf

Collie Bear and James Marley have gone to Oklahoma on a prospecting trip.

An umbrella for the Xmas is the thing. Abbott has your choice.

Wallace Hughston went over to Farmersville on professional business today.

City Attorney Dud Rike of Farmerville who came last evening on legal business, returned this morning.

Mrs. Mattie Brandt, of Sherman who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. J. E. Cooper and grand mother Mrs. Bettie Levy, returned home today.

FOR HIS FIRST ROUND

Presiding Elder F. A. Rosser of the This Dist. Announces it

BEGINS AT ALLEN DEC. 14

With His Quarterly Conferences—At McKinney Station Dec. 20 and 21

Presiding Elder F. A. Rosser announces appointments for his first round of quarterly conferences of the McKinney District, M. E. Church.

This is Rev. Rosser's third year in charge of the district. At the recent annual conference, his was the banner report of all the districts in the North Texas Conference.

M'KINNEY DISTRICT FIRST ROUND

Allen Circuit at Allen, Dec. 14 and 15.

McKinney Station. Dec. 20 and 21.

Nevada, Nevada, Dec. 27 and 28.

Princeton, Princeton, Jan. 3 and 4.

Plano Station, Jan. 10 and 11.

Renner Circuit, Renner, Jan. 12.

Wylie Circuit, Wylie, Jan. 17 and 18.

Farmersville Station, Jan. 24 and 25.

Celina and Roseland, Celina, Jan. 30 and Feb. 1.

Frisco Circuit, Frisco, Feb. 7 and 8.

Weston, Anna, Feb. 14 and 15.

Prosper Circuit, Feb. 21 and 22.

Copeville Mission, Copeville, Feb. 28 and Mar. 1.

Blue Ridge, Blue Ridge, Mar. 7 and 8.

The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist church in McKinney Dec. 18th at 1 o'clock p. m. Let every charge be fully represented.

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Good 50 acre farm in good state of cultivation with house and good water, for $3.25 an acre in advance.

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What's in a Name?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E C DeWitt & Co of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema, cuts, burns bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine—City Drug Store.

W. O. W. Lodge Election

Nevada Camp No. 453, W. O. W., Saturday night elected officers for 1903 as follows: C. L. Craig, P. C. C.; J. D. Waddill, C. C.; L. O. Leverett, A. L.; M. E. Phillips, B.; C. White, clerk; R. G. Davie, escort; R. M. McKinney, W.; W. T. McCain, S.; Dr. J. B. Sims, C. P.; S. M. Nowell, manager.

Benton-Willis

Merrill Benton and Miss Lora Willis were happily married Saturday night at the home of the bride's father John Willis at Biggers. Rev. Abe Enloe officiated.

Will Purchase Poultry.

Sam Soltz, a successful poultry dealer from Missouri, will attempt to establish a similar business in McKinney.

Nine years ago Mr. Soltz was the first cash buyer of poultry to embark in the poultry business at Troy, Lincoln county, Mo., which has since become the leading poultry producing county in that state.

He has been in Texas, at McKinney and other points, buying old iron and furs, and is now advertising for turkeys, geese and ducks which he intends to buy by the car load to ship to St. Louis.

No doubt, with experience and energy, the poultry industry can be developed to important proportions in Collin county and we wish Mr. Soltz success.

MRS. STODDARD COMING

State President Texas Woman's Christian Temperance Union

THURSDAY NIGHT DEC. 11TH

At the Methodist Church. Will Address the Ladies at Y. M. C. A. in the Afternoon

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist church Thursday night December 11th., under the auspices of the local W C. T. U:

7:45 p. m. Music,
Opening exercises.
Solo—Walter Emerson.
Introductory remarks and presentation of speaker.

8:00 p. m. Address—Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard, State president Texas W. C. T. U., Fort Worth, Texas.

8:45 p. m. Offering to be used in extending the temperance work in the state.

9:00 p. m. Closing exercises and benediction.

The music will be under the direction of Miss Lula Allison.

All members and honorary members of the Union are urged to be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Mrs. Stoddard is an interesting speaker and all should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her. She will address the ladies at the Y. M. C. A. hall Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Attend.

A Cold Wave

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sancity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E H Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures coughs, colds, lagrippe, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs.—City Drug Store.

Chas. Leddy Makes Fine Race

In the city primary held at Greenville yesterday there were three candidates for city attorney, Charles A. Leddy, son of our fellow townsman O. Leddy, being one of them. The vote stood as follows: L. L. Bomar, 365; M. B. Mathews, 342; C. A. Leddy, 289. Mr. Leddy made a fine race and his friends here are proud of him.

Will Donate Desirable Site.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather the soliciting committee for the Presbyterian University are doing good work. A number of subscriptions have been secured.

Should the necessary amount of money be raised to secure the college, there will be no difficulty in getting the site donated. Already several very desirable sites of one hundred acres each have been offered.

Lets all work for the college.

Originator of "Extra" Yell Dead

Henry L. Gatchitt, who as a lad was the first newsboy in New York to cry his papers aloud, has just died at his home in Brooklyn, a rich man. He was born on the East Side and sold newspapers in the streets when the site of Cooper Union was a cornfield. Acting on an inspiration one day he took up his stand in Park Row and began calling out the names of his papers and an inkling of their contents to passers-by. The present "extra" yell of the newsboys, dates from that time.

If you feel ill and need a pill
Why not purchase the best?
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Are little surprisers,
Take one—they do the rest

W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes—I have used Little Early Riser Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family.—City Drug Store.

SICK AT VAN ALSTYNE

Rev. W. A. Thomas Who Was Appointed to Prosper Circuit

Rev. F. A. Rosser returned from Van Alstyne Monday evening where he had been to see Rev. W A. Thomas who is seriously sick with typhoid fever at the home of his father-in-law Mr. Stinnett Rev Thomas was appointed to the Prosper Circuit at the Annual Conference.

McKinney Market Report

Cotton Lint	6 00 to 7:75
Cotton in seed	2.25c to 2.65
Cotton seed	$17.00
Wheat	72½ to 75c
Oats per bushel	38 to 40c
Corn per bushel	35 to 42c
Hay per ton	$7. to 9 00
Bran	per 100 lbs...1 05
Flour	$2.00 to 2.25
Meal	per bu., 65c
Eggs, per doz	25c
Cattle	$1.50 to 2.25
Hogs	$4.75 to 5.60
Mutton Sheep	2.25 to 2.75
Chickens	$2.50 to 3.00
Butter per pound	15 to 25c
Lard per pound	11½ to 15c
Bacon per pound	14 to 15c
Onions per lb.	1 to 1½

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NEW TURNER BRICK OPPOSITE P. O.
McKinney, - - Texas.

Stay Here Sale Continues

Owing to inclement weather and muddy conditions of roads making it impossible for the ladies from the country to get to town we will continue our STAY HERE SALE until December 15th.

The Fair
Hammond & Sneed Props.

Collin County Gleanings.

Items From Adjacent Towns, Villages and Communities of a General Interest.

FOOT

ot, Dec. 9.—A nice snow fel- Wednesday which was a well visitor.

s R S Bell is on the sick list.
e Allen Cox is also sick.
e of Will O'Neal's little girls has been right sick is recov-

v Dunn filled his appoint- at Bowlby Sunday.

e public road is almost im- ble on the hill near Dutch land's owing to sipes.

of R S Bell is at home for a stay with his family.

e Davis and daughter moved eir new home near Wilmeth Monday.

rs Jasper Hand of Amarillo re visiting her children.

Central

WHITES GROVE.

ite's Grove, Dec. 9.—Miss Lockhart of your city vis- ere last week.

rry Hall will make a pros- ng trip to New Mexico in the future.

ss Iva Blackwell visited at Slater's last week.

r and Mrs Kirkpatrick are on ick list.

singing and musical enter- ment was given the young s at the home of Joe Williams lay night.

Black Eyes.

VERONA.

erona, Dec. 8.—D W Leigh in our community the first of week.

E St Clair is suffering from rn which was the result of ng his foot scalded.

ill Warner of Water Ridge in our community last week the purpose of making a land with James Watson.

hnnie McMurray is number- th the sick.

v Blackburn has returned annual conference and will move to his new home at nty Line.

ev S W Miller of Allen will ur new preacher for the com- year.

Eva.

DONNA.

onna, Dec. 9.—Mrs Whee'er onham has been visiting her hter Mrs Steward.

McClure has returned from do I. T.

mes P Coffey visited relatives Westminster last week.

iss Mattie Higgins of McKin- spent last week with relatives his place.

L Hendricks is having a fine erected.

rs B E Burgess and son left erday for Breckinridge.

iss Willie Coffey and brother ed their sister Mrs Fagala rday and Sunday.

Huebsch and little son were ast week.

rof Cundiff was in Anna Sat- ay.

Diana.

PIKE.

ike, Dec 5.—The firm of ch and Williams has sold to . Irvine and son Paul of nard.

Mr. Masters of this place has rned from Little Rock, Ark., ther he was called to attend death bed of both his step er and mother.

ittle Velora Huckabee has n very sick the past week.

. J. Hardy and family de- ed last week for Bowie, Mon- ue county, which will be their ure home.

Miss Myrtle Cooper of Lane is ding the week with her ther Nick Cooper.

School Girlie.

CULLEOKA.

Culleoka Dec. Dec, 9th.—Mr nderson of Floyd is spending month with his son Geo Hen- on at this place.

he following officers were ted last Saturday night by the O W at this place for the next r: J M Milam C C, B T Morgan adv lieut, S A Todd escort, W C Dement clerk, C B Allen banker, A L Hackler watchman, Will Donehoo sentry.

W H Snavely and Miss Gracie Pitts were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Thursday night the second at Dr McElroys by Elder W I Brown. Both have been living in this country for a long time and have many friends who wish them many joys through life.

W J Berry has been making preparation to move to his home in Hopkins county. We hate to see Mr Berry leave us for we want all good men to stay at Culleoka.

Jno Nicholes is moving his goods into his new store which he purchased from H C Miller some time ago.

Mr Monroe of Biggers came over to the W O W lodge Saturday night.

Fido.

TIOGA.

Tioga, Dec. 8th.—People are taking advantage of this cold weather by killing their hogs.

Where has that electric road run to, as we have not seen it pass here yet, but we still want it just the same so let all pull together and maybe we can get it. We see where the McKinney people are talking about the lines to other places but have stopped saying about running one from McKinney to Gainesville via Tioga and Celina.

We hope McKinney will get its cotton factory and big school as she is a business town and needs one of each.

The Sanctified people are holding a meeting here. The meeting has been going on over two weeks and do not know when it will break up. There have been several conversions and several got sanctified since they have been here.

The carpenters have just finished a building on the square and we understand there will be a meat market and restaurant opened up in it soon.

Also there is to be a big nice barber shop built on the west side of the square.

Tioga needs more rent houses, but she is coming just the same.

Rev John A Old has the care of the M E church here next year.

John W Langley of Denton, Texas, but formerly of Celina, was here on business last week.

Dr Thomas who has had a nice dwelling house built on his farm just north of town moved to it last week.

Ed Cole is here visiting friends a few days, from South Mayde. He says it is about as muddy now as ever he saw it.

Justus Houser spent Sunday here with home folks and friends.

Lee Raines of Sherman was a visitor here to friends and relatives the last of last week.

Will Thompson happened to a very painful accident the other day He and his brother were out hunting and his brother's gun went off accidently and struck him, and if it had not been for hitting his belt it would have proved serious. He is improving very nicely at present.

Mr and Mrs L A Robertson of Pottsboro have moved here.

Miss Pearl Shumate who has been sick for some time is improving.

Emett Sadler who is attending school at Denton spent Sunday here with homefolks.

Mrs L A Robertson who has been sick is improving.

J O Crutchfield was a visitor to Blossom Texas last week.

Rev John A Old the pastor of the M E church for next year spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Best wishes to one and all and hope you a merry Christman as it is not long off.

We sure do enjoy reading the Democrat and could not do without it, also we like to read the letters from different places.

Little John

M'DONALD.

McDonald, Dec. 9.—There was a debate last Saturday night at this place.

Mesdames Willie and Emmett Parker left last Monday for Gainesville to visit an uncle and from there to Norman to visit relatives and from there to Minco where they will make their home.

Messrs E L Roberts, Rice Orman, Willie and Emmett Parker left last week, emigrating to the Territory.

Porter Hill has moved into this community from the East Fork Bottom.

The recent overflow caused the water to get up into his house.

Our school, as yet, has a small attendance. Most of the children have been transferred to the Petersburg school.

Asa Barrett is visiting her sister at Melissa.

Porter Hill has had a very sick child, but it is convalescing. He has gone to Dallas county.

Mrs Jessie Emerson is a guest at her father's, John Barnes.

Most of the hogs have been slain in this community.

Aunt Betsy

GROVE.

Grove, Dec. 8th, 1902.—J B Faulkner, Hez Warden and J P Snider were witnesses in the Gabe Hall trial at Sherman last week.

Finest Kerby visited his sister Mrs. Mattie Chastain in Garland Saturday and Sunday.

Dallas Pharr and wife of Lucas visited at Grove Saturday night.

Walter Fitzhugh, Grandma Faulkner, Mrs Della Snider, and Mrs. I. B. Armstrong composed the sick list since our last writing All are able to be up at present.

Tom Kerby is visiting his brother, John Wess, in Wise Co.

Miss May Strickland and a Mr Roper were married Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Pinckney Strickland of Grove, Rev Luther Snider officiating.

Owing to the muddy roads Rev Horn wasn't able to reach us to fill his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday

PROSPER.

Prosper, Dec. 9.—Miss Waldroup left for Howe Thursday.

Barney Maxey left Friday for Hereford to attend school.

Frank McLenny is in our midst now.

The recent rains have caused a delay in work on the school building, hotel, Odd Fellows brick building, residences etc.

In the stock law election the measure carried and the old cow that has heretofore made her living by prowling, will have to look out for the lock-up now.

Little Booth Strange is recovering from a continued attack of typhoid fever.

Our merchants are laying in a supply of Christmas goods.

Dr Armstrong is at Bremond this week.

Several of our citizens have lost cows the last few days on account of eating too much alfalfa.

Rev Tucker filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. The congregation was very large for such an unfavorable day.

Mrs. John Baker is on the sick list.

Mrs Williams, of Sanger, arrived Saturday for a visit to home folks, Mr Rutherford and family.

LEBANON

Lebanon, Tex., Dec. 9. '02.—The first snow of the season fell on last Thursday.

There were no services at any of the churches last Sunday.

Mr. Milt Wade attended court at McKinney Monday.

Mrs. A. H. Teel has received two thousand dollars the amount of the policy held by her husband A. H. Teel in the Woodmen of The World and will receive one hundred dollars for a monument.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Isom got his arm broken last week.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a box supper Saturday night for the benefit of Buckner Orphans Home.

At the home of the bride's parents Mr and Mrs R W Yager Miss Lula Yager and Mr Lemuel H Greene were married Nov. 27 by Rev J M Hunt in the presence of friends and relatives. Many nice presents were received.

Among those present were: Mrs Sue Shelburn and Mrs Lucy Carwile, Will Fletcher and family, Mr and Mrs A F Quisenberry, J P Shultz, W J Freeman, Rev J M Hunt, Arthur and Herbert Kerby, Alfonzo Freeman, Byrd Collinswowth, E R Wade, Henry Keahey, Reese Hope, Maurice Baumgardner, Tom Shultz, Misses Mamie Crozier; Ida Wade, Lena Yager, Rena Kirby, Ada Dunaway, Ava Freeman, Ella Mallow, Leda Carwile and Ruth Doherty. The bride is a young lady of many charming traits of character and has many friends who wish her every happiness and the groom is a young farmer who counts his friends here and at Rockwall by the score. Both of them are very popular.

Lilac.

IT WOULD BE A MAGNET FOR COLLIN CO.

ARDATH.

Ardath, Tex., Dec. 10. 1902.—Harvey Hinton is sick at this writing.

W A Straughan has rented his farm to M B Williams and has moved to McKinney.

W S King had a valuable colt to die with the blind staggers last Thursday.

Dr Glen of McKinney was in our community Saturday and Sunday.

Tuesday night being the regular night for electing officers in I O O F the following were elected. N. G., D W Bagwell; V. G., R J Straughn; Sec., W N Strode; Treas., T J Moreland.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof T M Wilson and Miss Lillie Daughetee.

Dr Hunter of Melissa was in our community Saturday.

Mrs Ben Wilson is up after a spell of the fever.

J W Monroe of the firm of Monroe and Odell has sold his interest in the firm to J T Odell and has moved to Alba Wood county to make that his home.

Tickey.

UNION

Union, Dec. 8th, 1902.—Sam Shipp's baby is very ill at present and not expected to live.

Lem Price who has been dangerously ill for some time is on the upbuild these days we note.

Belton, Vernon and Claud Derrick have returned from the I. T.

Mrs Marshall and family were in Farmersville trading last week.

Rufe Murray was in Farmersville one day last week on business, and to see the sick.

R E Bell came up recently and made a negative of the school at this place.

Anday Lucas was real sick Sunday one week ago.

Ed Kerby and family who have been attending the former's father-in-law, H M Rollins of Farmersville in his recent serions illness have returned and report Mayor Rollins a great deal better.

Wm. Burleson, J H Gilbreath, Finnie and Finas Leipler were in Merit Monday of the past week on business.

Thomas W Shin contemplates a trip to Clay county soon.

Mrs Jas P Seigler who has been on the sick list is well again.

Will Wallace and wife visited their sick relatives in Celeste last Monday.

Oliver Seigler and wife were in the Red Oak community last week.

J Frank Bell spent the night with Gertrude, his sister, who has been bed-ridden for the past ten weeks with a complication of diseases, at Boggy.

Mr and Mrs Petty have gone over to Georgia to make their future home. Let "goobers" and success accompany them.

Thomas Vernon of Celeste and little Earnest Sharp of Pike are attending school here.

James Seigler, Andy Lucas and Cad Barton were in Farmersville Saturday.

Talking about people beating "the Jews" to "beat" their family Mrs. James Seigler heads them all. She has recently put up fifteen gallons of beet pickles, besides 8 gallons of tomatoes. This looks to us like that she will soon "beet" and pickle up everything about her premises if she does not call a halt to this procedure.

When Nathan Money hurrs his mouth extends from ear to ear, when he sings "lullabys" to that precious little feminine which arrived Friday night to help "maw."

Alfred Seigler and wife and also young Miss Mary Seigler visited the family of John Lawrence of Red Oak Sunday.

Union is seven miles north of Farmersville and twenty miles N E of McKinney and located in a fine rich waxy soil, therefore people cannot pass through it these days with a four team without getting completely "stuck on it" and if they dont get "stuck" on it, it will on them, so what's the difference? Her citizens have the spirit, push and energy and are thus prosperous, and now to prove to you that we "live at home and board at the same place" we invite you, if you are fond of "pigtails and turnips" to come out and dine with us, and if you come weak and empty handed we will send you away full and heavy-laden.

Ichabod.

Do Quails Eat Insects?

Mr. J. L. Warren, who lives three miles southeast of town says quails are voracious insect eaters. He had last summer a flock of quails that lived near his home and not being injured they became quite tame. When he would turn over weeds and earth uncovering chinch bugs and worms the young quails would eat all the bugs and young grasshoppers they could find, and he felt the benefit of their help in keeping his garden clear of the pests. Mr. Warren believes in protecting all the birds, including quails.—Greenville Banner.

Christmas is upon us, inspect Abbott's new stock of everything

List of Letters.

Remaining in the postoffice at McKinney, Tex., Dec. 11, 1902, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Brown Miss Norah
Chandler Miss Mattie
Cowhorn Mrs Mattie
Eastes Mrs E J
Givins Mrs Henrett
Johnes Emma
Jonson Mrs Nannie
Lewis Miss Daisy
Millagan Miss Josephine
Pierce Miss Kattie
Robertson Mrs Rosey
Steele Mrs R E
Williams Mrs Sarrah Ann
Wright Miss Tressie

GENTLEMEN.

Armstrong B C
Bell C B
Beirne Holly
Breeding Guy
Brazeal L M
Cooper James
Davault H C
Ellis Charley
Fisher Abert
Gordon G D
Grant Will
Hill Mat
Johnson John
Kircum Dee
Lockett E S
Maggor Asa
Rigsby A J
Rainnols L W
Smith Bet
Sherwood W I
Sims Ed
Spede Wiley
Wakely E
Wright C E

Persons calling for letters in above list please say "Advertised." H. E. Smith, Postmaster.

"It it comes from "Goodin" it's good indeed." tf

RED RIVER NAVIGATION

People in Vicinity of Sherman Indorse Mr. Randell's Activity

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 10.—The people of Sherman and vicinity who have had the matter broached to them indorse without reserve the diligence of Congressman Randell in the matter of making Red River navigable. Years ago boats came up Red River to Old Preston, a point several miles north of Denison, and parties best acquainted with the river and its channels express confidence in the feasibility of the scheme.

Mrs. Dan Neathery who has been visiting relatives in Farmersville, has returned home.

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FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

MELISSA.

Melissa, Dec. 5th.—Dr. A. V. Rutledge has returned from Mississippi.

Mrs. J. H. Coffman is in Waco visiting her daughter, Miss Bessie who is in school there.

Miss Aza Barrett who has been visiting her sisters Mesdames Gibson, Graves and Claycomb has returned home.

Miss Jessie Bateman Sundayed with home folks. also Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wysong were here Sunday.

The memorial service for Mrs. M. A. Lacey was held at the Christian church on last Sunday, conducted by Rev. A. M. Douglass assisted by Rev. A. L. Clinkinbeard. Her son Charles Lacey and family were here from Matagorda, Tex.

Mrs. A. L. Shirley has been on the sick list.

Little Laura, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Osborn, died Sunday night. She had been sick for several weeks with fever and other complications arose which resulted in death. A bright sweet bud is taken to blossom in the paradise of God. She always loved to attend her Sunday school and Junior C. E. and now she is basking in the sunlight of the angels around the Throne of God.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield is quite sick.

Rev. J. Truett of Whitewright preached at the Baptist church Saturday evening, Sunday and Sunday evening. He will be pastor for the church next year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shelton entertained several friend at dinner on last Sunday. Everything that could tempt the appetite was before their guests who showed their appreciation by partaking bountifully. Those present were Misses Carrie Snow and Beulah Hatler, Mrs. Winston, Miss Alice Douglas, Dr. A. V. Rutledge and Rev A. L. Clinkinbeard.

Jas. Slaughter has returned from the I. T. We're glad to have him back home.

CELINA.

Celina, Dec 5th.—The heavy rains of last week caused several washouts on the Frisco R R which caused the delay of mail for this office for several days.

Coal oil was a scarce article in our town last week. Candles were in demand until the town ran short then our people had to take advantage of day light.

Rev Burk left last Tuesday for the conference at Terrell. Our people are anxious for his return.

The continued rain has caused a delay of work on the eight brick stores now under headway.

Miss Grace Yarbrough took charge of her school near Prosper Monday Dec. 1.

Prof Smith who has charge of the band here moved from Pilot Point to Celina Thursday.

Miss Vera Greer left for Ben Wheeler Van Zandt Co Tex Friday where she will make her future home.

The Celina school is in a flourishing condition, with Prof. Yarbrough as principal and Miss Byrd Rosser as assistant. 100 pupils enrolled to date.

Several new dwelling houses are under headway.

Robert Gabraith left today for his home in Tenn.

Mr. Jackson of the firm of Jackson, Tidwell & Co will move from Van Alstyne to this place in the near future. He has been elected president of the company which was organized with a capital stock of $25,000.

Will Caruth Esq moved to Weston Saturday to enter upon his official duties.

Jno Marsh of Old Celina will move to Tioga with his family this week.

Rev. Crowder of Weston will move to Old Celina this week.

W D Beck went to Tib Tex Sunday.

Dr. Mitchell has been attending the bedside of his sick sister at Blue Ridge this week.

Browder.

CLIFFT.

Clifft, Dec. 5.—Hog killing has been the order of the day.

Mrs. Dan Tildruck of Denison is visiting her daughter Mrs W H Bryan.

There was some complaint of a bug injuring late wheat but have heard no complaint since the frost.

"Dude" Chapman arrived from the Indian Territory Friday and spent Friday night with his old friend J. R. Moore. He will work for Mr. Tollet.

J. K. Stewart sold several head of cattle recently.

R H Keasler and family took the "Cotton Belt" at Lavon for Greenville, their future home, Friday.

Mr. Loveall, a substantial farmer from Ark., moved into the house vacated by R H Keasler Friday. We welcome him to "Monkey Run."

From 21st to 25th ult the mail did not come out from Fate, route No. 1.

Lavon school opened Monday. Prof Wells of Kentucky is in charge and will be assisted by his wife who is yet in Kentucky teaching. He is more than pleased with the Lavon people and thinks the outlook very promising for a successful term.

BRANCH

Branch, Dec. 5.—Well, at last, Jack Frost paid us a visit for a Thanksgiving trick.

A steady rain all night long Monday night and the dust is laid for the present.

The overflow of East Fork last Sunday and Monday week did a great deal of damage, the water was higher than ever before, the drifts breaking several fences.

T C Oakley had four loads of stove wood washed away.

We have quite an exhibition in our city of farm products, big beet, large cluster of beans and a bunch of apples—second crop—exhibited by T. C. Oakley, largest cluster of pecans by Z C Martin, big onions and corn by others.

Prof Ledbetter has good attendance at his school considering the mud.

C M Oakley, Taz Calton, Jess Osborn and Jeff Chaddick all went to McKinney Monday.

W J Sanders went to McKinney Tuesday.

Marguita.

FAIRFIELD.

Fairfield, Dec. 5.—Danger and Walter McGarrah and Hardin Jeffries left for the Indian Territory Monday to stay until Christmas.

Andrew, the twelve year old son of Emmett Rush, was hit on the cheek Monday by another boy with an ax handle. The wound will make a severe scar.

Jack Younce and family are moving to their farm near Celina. We regret to lose them as neighbors but hope for their success.

A protracted meeting will begin at the Second Baptist church here next Sunday. It is to be conducted by the pastor Rev John A Held assisted by Rev Wheeler.

The cottage prayer-meeting will meet with R L Ray next Friday night.

BLUE RIDGE.

Blue Ridge, Tex., Dec 5th.—Uncle Bobbie Scott is very sick.

Miss Paralee Willbanks was in Farmersville Saturday.

Charley Calloway of Farmersville was in Blue Ridge visiting relatives Sunday.

Messrs Scott of Farmersville and McKinney were called to the bedside of their father Robt Scott

Mrs Rutledge is on the sick list

Little Myrtle Sellars is very low with typhoid fever.

Gilbert Williams made a business trip to McKinney Monday.

Rev G B Airhart filled an appointment at Stony Point Sunday

Mrs McCormick who has been working under Mrs White of Farmersville has returned home.

Lucy Barnett attended the service at Stony Point Sunday.

An entertainment will be given by the BlueRidge school Friday night the 5th.

Mr Keever and Mrs Sharp of Wolfe Bayou Ark are visiting relatives in Blue Ridge.

Mr and Mrs McCoy of Tenn visited their son George last week.

Mrs Wilson has been at the bedside of her daughter at Royse who has been real sick.

Dr Mitchell and family, Elbert Mitchell and wife of Celina have been in Blue Ridge the past week

On the eve of Nov 29th the death angel pased over our little town and called to rest the little darling of Mr and Mrs Jim Brookins. "Ntha Bell" as we called her was one of the sweetest little girls in our community. She patiently struggled with that dreadful disease diphtheria for several days until God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call her from this world of sorrow to rest. She was buried Monday at Grounds grave yard.

Mrs Sallie Sellars wife of John Sellars passed away Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. For twenty eight days she bravely and patiently struggled with typhoid fever. She was a consistent member of the Christian church. She leaves a husband, six children, mother, father, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her death. Her funeral was preached at the Christian church Monday morning by Rev Millhalland. She was buried at Grounds grave yard.

May Lee.

CHAMBLISS.

Chambliss, Dec 5th.—Quite a large crowd attended church Sunday Rev G B Airhart preached for the first time in three months

Every one has a smiling face since the frost and sunshine have come.

Mrs M P Younger spent the last few days visiting among her relatives.

Berry Mounger of Van Alstyne was in our midst last week.

Little Absy.

BIGGERS.

Biggers, Dec 3rd.—We have not seen anything of late in the paper from this vicinity, so thought would give you a few dots.

Our little village is very attractive, especially when East Fork overflows its banks.

Wheat looks promising, and stock of all kinds in looking well. notwithstanding the very inclement weather of the past weeks.

The health of the community is good.

The school at Milligan is progressing nicely under the efficient charge of Miss Helen Rogers.

The recent rains have rendered the roads almost impassable, greatly to the chagrin of the young people, as it has made the delightful buggy rides a thing of the past.

B T Morgan and family of Culleoka visited Mr and Mrs W G Monroe Sunday.

The young people had quite a jolly time last Saturday night at a musical entertainment at the residence of C W Yates.

The prayermeeting and Sunday school at Wilson Chapel have been discontinued on account of the rains. Services will be resumed as soon as the weather and roads will admit. The Methodist people are looking forward to the coming of their new pastor hoping for the best year in the history of Wilson church.

Wedding bells are ringing sweet and clear between Biggers and Culleoka.

We would like to know what has become of "On the Wing." Has he taken his departure for more congenial climes or has he "shuffled off this mortal coil?"

Our genial postmaster is as smiling and accomodating as ever but is still pulling through life in single harness.

ARDATH.

Ardath, Dec. 3rd.—One of the prettiest home weddings we ever witnessed was the marriage Sunday evening Nov 30th of Mr Joe Wallis and Miss Zula Henderson, at the home of the bride's parents Mr and Mrs S G Henderson. At 3:30 p m Miss Newell Henderson took her place at the piano and to the entrancing notes of a pretty wedding march Mr Wallis and Miss Zula slowly advanced into the parlor preceeded by Mr Berch and Miss Lula Martin. As they took their places before Eld A M Douglas of Melissa in a very solemn and beautiful ceremony sealed two hearts for companionship through life.

The bride is a well known lady here and possesses many sterling qualities and has a large circle of friends who will greatly miss her presence and cheerful laugh in their social gatherings.

The groom is a highly respected young farmer and is a model young man. He is a son of Mr and Mrs Chas Wallis of Stony Point.

At 6 oclock we were invited into the dining room where an elegant supper was served.

At a late hour the guests, after wishing the newly married couple perfect happiness and success in life, returned home.

Mr and Mrs Wallis will make their future home at Wylie.

Tickey.

Paul Harris left Monday for Durant I. T. to be with Col Jack Faw who lectures there at night.

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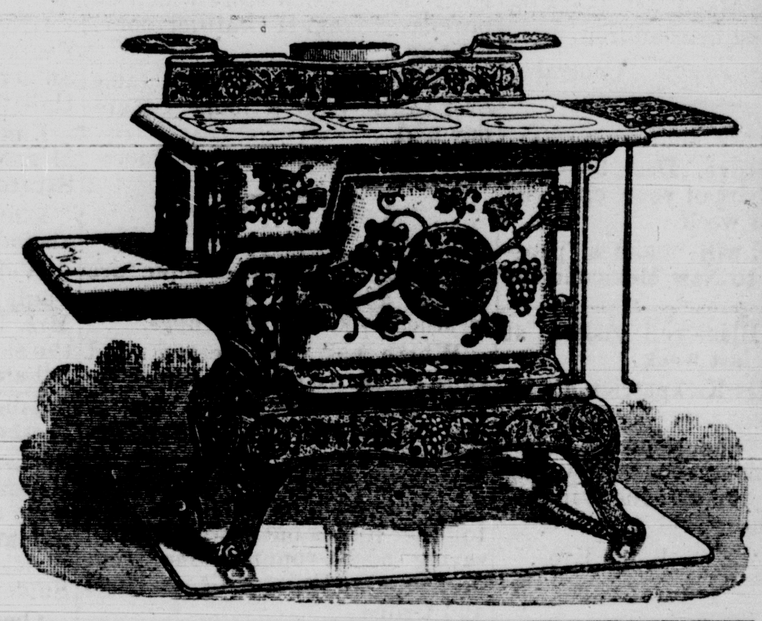

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